



## Fun summer activities



Not all activities need to be expensive or time consuming to prepare. The following are a few of our favourite activities for you to try:



### Get creative!



- ❖ **Design a comic strip** - Artistic drawing skills can be refined by drawing and colouring characters and scenes.
- ❖ **Pick up some chalk** - Draw with chalk on your drive way or pavement, as it can be easily washed off. Try maths homework or hop scotch
- ❖ **Peg dolls** – Old fashioned pegs - buy these from Hobby Craft and dress with material. With regular pegs you can make markers for the vegetable patch or clips for your open pasta & rice packets.
- ❖ **Paint a pot** – These make lovely gift for friends & grandparents
- ❖ **Do something nice for someone** - Are your neighbours celebrating a birthday or have they been unwell? Bake cookies, make a card, plant some flowers in a pot



### Up-cycling



- ❖ **Junk Modelling with recycled objects**  
Transform a cereal box into something that flies, or into a mask
- ❖ **Wall paper art** - Use the back of an old roll of wall paper. The kids can create murals or scenes from a movie. If the weather is bad protect the floors with a cloth and bring the fun indoor or work in the garage
- ❖ **Make a 'garage' for toy cars or a 'caravan' for dolls** - You will need a suitably sized cardboard box, felt tip pens or paint, sticky tape, coloured paper and old bits of fabric, and scissors. It's best to turn the box upside down so that the finished article has a base. Work with your child on the 'design', cut out doors and windows then let your child add colours, parking bays, beds etc etc. The satisfaction that they will have from making their own toys will be huge!



### Go outdoors...



- ❖ **Track animals** - Whether in your garden, a park or a playground, see how many animals you can see, spot a squirrel, dog, cat, bird or other animal
- ❖ **Leaf rubbings** – Search for leaves together & place them between 2 pieces of paper - rub the side of a crayon over the top piece of paper. Look on the internet to try to identify the trees that they are from
- ❖ **Go on a bug hunt** in the garden or the park - You will need: a sheet of paper, a couple of plastic cups, an old soft paintbrush, a magnifying glass & a phone camera. Bugs often hide under stones, leaves or broken branches so start your hunt there. Use the paint brush to carefully brush the bugs into the plastic cup or onto the sheet of paper. Take a quick photo then release the bug back to where you found it. When you get home you can go on the internet & try to identify the bugs that you found
- ❖ **Build a den** - Get kids to search for 10 household items, indoors or out, then build a den using the 10 items



### Get messy!



- ❖ **Playdough** -Ingredients: 2 cups plain flour, 2 tablespoons vegetable oil (baby oil and coconut oil work too), 1/2 cup salt, 2 tablespoons cream of tartar, food colouring (optional), 1 to 1.5 cups boiling water (adding in increments until it feels just right)
- ❖ **Gloop** (It's a weird mixture that feels like a solid when you pick it up, but then melts away to liquid again) -Ingredients: 1 pack of cornflour, 1 cup of water , food colouring (optional), add water a little at a time

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