Rosemary Lane Nursery School

Hi everyone!

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Stay safe everyone!

Purple Teddies

Playing at Teacher

I know how many of you love to have a story read to you, and lots of you have a favourite story, so why not pretend you're the teacher and read your favourite story to your teddies or a special toy? Try describing the characters and the setting to your teddies and see how many wonderful words you can use? Happy reading!
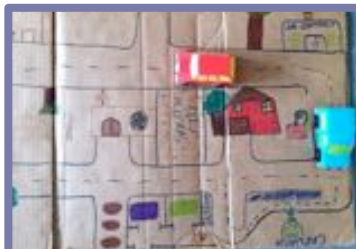
3D models

Why not see what 3D objects you can collect at home to make your own space alien. Some items that might be really great are things such as empty cereal boxes, bottle tops, empty kitchen rolls, empty margarine tubs, etc. Have a look and see how many cylinder shapes, cubes, cuboids, or cones you have. You could cover your alien in silver foil or even paint it. I'm sure you'll make some amazing aliens and have lots of fun as well!

Name Jigsaw

Here's a really fun way to help you recognise your name. You'll need to write your name in big letters on a piece of paper. Next, cut very carefully between each letter. You could make wiggly lines if you wanted to make it more fun! Mix up the letters and then put them together in the right order. It might be fun to time yourself to see how quickly you can do it. You could do the same thing with the names of other people in your family.

Where I Live

Make your own giant street map from a large flattened cardboard box. You can add masking tape or draw the lines for the roads and streets. It's fun to draw other things on your road map, such as a park, your school, your house or somewhere that you love going to. Why not have a walk around your local area with a grown up and take some pictures of some of the shops and houses? You could print off a few of your pictures and add them to your map!

Sharing the journey, nurturing the child

Yellow, Orange and White Teddies

Alphabet Hunt
Hide letters in a tray filled with dried lentils, peas or even sand. Can you find the written letter to match? This is great for finding the letters to make your name too – simply write your name instead of the alphabet and find the letters that you need.

Tic Tac Toe
Draw or paint on stones to make your own game of Tic Tac Toe. The game is played on a grid that's 3 squares by 3 squares. You are X, your friend is O. Players take turns putting their marks in empty squares. The first player to get 3 of their marks in a row (up, down, across, or diagonally) is the winner. When all 9 squares are full, the game is over.

Number Rescue
Use a Tupperware container, pan or a muffin tin to freeze magnetic numbers into a solid block. Use different tools to rescue the numbers! Can you say the name of the numerals that you rescue? Can you count objects to match?

Fishing for Numbers
Ping pong balls or ball pit balls are ideal for this fishing game. Write numbers (or letters) onto the balls then fish them out of container filled with water. Can you name the numeral you've caught? This works well in a paddling pool too!

Ice Cream Race
Roll the dice and count the matching number of pom-poms into a cardboard ice cream cone. Who can fill their cone the fastest?

Green Teddies

Sticky Caterpillars

Using pipe cleaners and a pom-pom for a face why not try and make your own caterpillar? Wrap the pipe cleaner around the stick and attach the pom-pom using tape or glue. You could also use some card to make a face. The sticky caterpillar could then be used to make marks by dipping the end into paint. If there is an area you have some soil in, you could use your caterpillar to draw patterns.

Nature Shapes

What can you find to make a shape with? What is the name of the shape you have made? Can you talk about how many corners and sides it has? See how many different shapes you can make!

Matching Numbers

Start by writing each number, up to 5, on a leaf. Encourage your child to then peg the matching amount of clothes peg to the leaf. As well as writing the number it would be helpful if you draw the dots for the number shown. This helps children to count the dots and match the pegs to them. The numbers then begin to make sense to them and what a quantity matching the number looks like.

Fine Motor Strengthening
Roll up tin foil into small balls then try and flick them into decorated bottles. Each time you get your foil ball into it you have scored! Keep track who has the most goals by making a tally on paper.

Recycled Bottles

Why not turn your used pop bottles into something useful? Here are a couple of ideas for outdoor fun!

Blue Teddies

Hammering Sticks

Craft matchsticks and a block of polystyrene make a great activity for developing hand eye coordination. Supervise your child using a toy hammer to hammer the sticks into the polystyrene.

Cheerio Play

Cheerios are great for scooping and pouring and once they're starting to crumble you can pop them in a blender to make an edible sand experience!

Mud Stencilling

Use stencils to and mud to make some fantastic images. A chunky brush is ideal for this. Supervise your child when playing with mud to make sure none is tasted!

Fizzy Dinosaur Eggs

Add 3 cups of baking soda to a bowl then a few drops of liquid food colouring and mix. Add ¼ cup of water and mix until it forms a paste. Shape the mixture into an egg around a plastic dinosaur. Place in the freezer for at least an hour. Remove the eggs from the freezer and place into a tray. Place a bowl of white vinegar next to them and Invite your child to fill pipettes (eye droppers) with vinegar. When the vinegar is squeezed on the eggs they will begin to fizz. Encourage them to continue squeezing the vinegar on the eggs until the dinosaurs are completely uncovered.

Herbal Tea

Herbal teabags and water set up with a tea set or cups and spoons makes a lovely sensory play activity, you could even cut open some of the teabags for your child to pour and sprinkle the herbs from inside.