



Half Term Activities Week

Half-Term Activity Ideas

Science experiments



Trying out simple science experiments at home is a brilliant way to engage young children. It nurtures their natural sense of curiosity, while also allowing them to express their creativity and learn about the world around them. As well as helping language and communication skills, it builds perseverance and self-confidence as they learn that it's ok to not get things right the first time.

Cooking and meal planning



Aside from giving them a sense of responsibility, helping to choose ingredients and prepare a meal can encourage children to try food they wouldn't normally. Start off small with very simple tasks like counting out ingredients, and gradually move on to weighing, pouring and mixing. Following a recipe together is also a great way to help your child learn to focus.

Navigation skills



Lots of people have GPS devices nowadays to help get from A to B, but what happens if your battery runs out? Basic navigation and map reading can come in handy when you least expect it. Lots of visitor attractions like zoos, parks or nature trails will have a map available. Take a look together and talk about what the different symbols might mean and how the map relates to where you are. Choose a point on the map to find and let them lead the way!



Go play Sandwell

Oldbury

Rowley Regis

Smethwick

Tipton

Wednesbury

West Bromwich



Science Scavenger Hunt



How many of these items can you find?:

- Something which floats
- Something which lights up
- Something which needs a battery
- Something which can change colour
- Something which is a liquid
- Something which can melt
- Something used for measuring
- Something which changes if you heat it up
- Something which reminds you of space
- Something which vibrates
- Something which is magnetic
- Something which you can inflate
- Something reflective
- Something you can change the shape of
- Something which is a good insulator (good at keeping things hot or cold)
- Something which is symmetrical
- Something which grows
- Something which is manmade
- Something with wheels
- Something which is transparent
- Something which can be recycled
- Something which is cold
- Something which pours but isn't a liquid
- Something which is waterproof
- Something which can balance on something else
- Something which can move
- Something that smells
- Something which makes a noise
- Something from the animal kingdom
- Something which dissolves in water



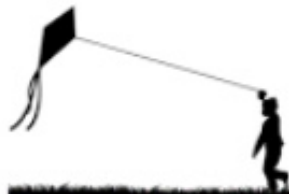
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Fruit Skewers

What do you need?

- A selection of your favourite fruit



- A colander



- Wooden skewers



Why not come up with a pattern for your fruit skewers?

Banana - Strawberry - Blueberry - Banana

Blueberry Blueberry - Strawberry - Banana - Blueberry Blueberry

Add something new!



- 1 Prepare the fruit. Peel those bananas and remove the stems from your strawberries.
- 2 Set the bananas aside, put the rest of the fruit into the colander and rinse gently under the tap.
- 3 Ask an adult to help you to cut your fruit into delicious bitesize **chunks**.
- 4 Carefully thread the fruit pieces onto the skewers.



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What you will need:

- A space to take a nature walk (Parks)
- Paper
- Glue
- Scissors



Nature walk and craft

If you are looking for something to do during your half term, why don't you try taking a nature walk and creating a lovely nature craft when you come back!

First you need to pick a nice space to take your walk, such as your local park, green space or forests if you have one near you. While you are out on your walk take in all of the nature that is around you and use it for inspiration for your craft.

As your out on your walk use the time to collect some resources such as interesting leaves, flowers and random bits of nature you can use for your craft when you are at home.

Once you are back its time to create a memory of your walk, you will need to get some paper scissors and some glue. Use your bits of nature you have collected while you are out to make a nature collage or even a scene that you saw while out on your walk. You can use other resources as well as your nature bits and bobs to make an everlasting memory of your fun nature walk.



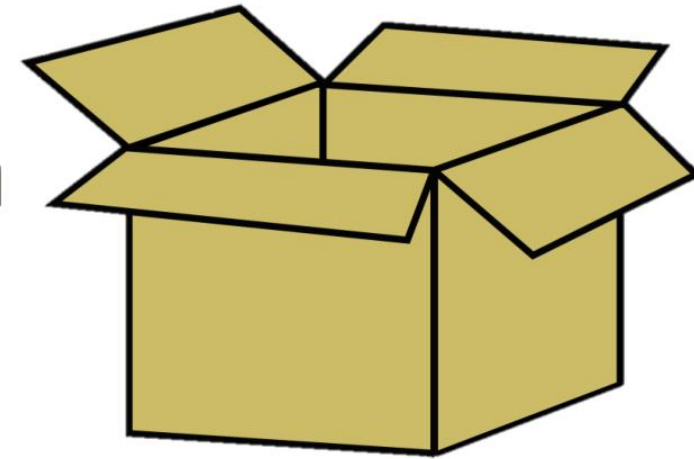
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What you will need:

- A scrap cardboard box you no longer need
- Scissors
- Glue
- Materials to create your instrument



Scrap Box Instrument challenge

To start with you need find a scrap box that you can use to create your instrument, also while you are looking for your box you need to think about what instrument you want to create such as a drum or a guitar. Once you have decided what instrument you would like to create you need to find the extra materials such as string to create a guitar. You need to think about what materials can make the best instrument do you want it to be something that makes a loud sound or shakes. You can use a toilet roll tube to create a shaker that makes a louder noise or use a box to create a drum that makes more of a bang. Once you have created your instrument don't forget to decorate it to make your instrument look even more interesting. When your instrument is done have fun making your own music for all to hear!



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