

Activity of the Week – Stick With It!

Everyone loves a stick! This week we are using sticks to help us play and learn together.

A chick on a stick

This activity follows on well from Easter.

You can find it at https://abcdoes.com/home-learning



Use a chick you got with your Easter eggs, or make one out of playdough or paper. You could use your chick as a puppet and use it to act out stories, or you could take your stick on an adventure. Can you find any minibeasts in the garden to make friends with your chick?

When you go for a walk, take your chick with you and see if you can see or hear any birds.

You could even use lots of sticks to make a nest for your chick.



Journey Stick

https://growingfamily.co.uk/craft/journey-stick-kids-nature-crafts/

A journey stick is a memento of a nature walk, featuring items collected whilst on the walk. These might be things like leaves, twigs, flowers, feathers or anything else natural that you find along the way.

To make a journey stick, you will need a few basic things. You can use a piece of cardboard with double sided tape attached to secure the items to the card. Or can make a journey stick the traditional way by choosing a stick and attaching items to it using string or wool.



You can make different journey sticks for different walks that you go on. Here are some things to think about.

- Do you want your journey stick to have a theme? For example, a colour, all flowers, all leaves.
- How long does your stick need to be? Think about how long your walk is!
- What is the story that your journey stick is telling? Let your imagination run wild!

Stick Man

Remember the pictures we made out of stones a couple of weeks ago?
Can you make a picture using sticks?





Magic Wand

Could you turn your stick into a magic wand?





Or maybe the stick that you find will be magic without any decoration!

Fairy Houses

Continuing with the magical theme, do any fairies live in the bottom of your garden?

If there are, you might want to make them a fairy house.



If there aren't any fairies, you could build a house for a small teddy, some small-world animals, dolls-house people, or even a den for a dinosaur.



Towers

Build a tower of sticks. Use only sticks lying on the ground. See how tall you can make the tower and estimate how many sticks you used. Then remove one stick at a time until it falls down. Remember to count as you go along.



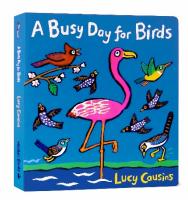
Rhyme of the Week - Tap Your Sticks

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nLfEW3Swpdl

You will need 2 strong sticks to help you play the beat as you join in with the actions to this song.

Story of the Week - A Busy Day for Birds by Lucy Cousins

Listen to this story read by Ore Oduba



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rPThRJA9cZ0

Can you pretend to be all the different birds in the story? Join in with the words and the actions as you enjoy sharing this story together.

See how many birds you can see and hear as you go on your family walk together.

Have fun playing and learning together!

Early Learners Team