

Other Learning Ideas

In this pack, please find some ideas of other learning opportunities and games that you may wish to try at home. These are not compulsory, but are good ways of making additional learning fun at home!

Literacy - reading



- Tricky words!
- Have them written on post it notes around your house.
 - Make a snap style tricky word game - children love competition!
 - Tricky word splat - lay out the flash cards on the floor, say a word and the first person to find it and 'splat' their hand on it gets to keep it!
 - Tricky word bingo
 - Tricky word hunt in books

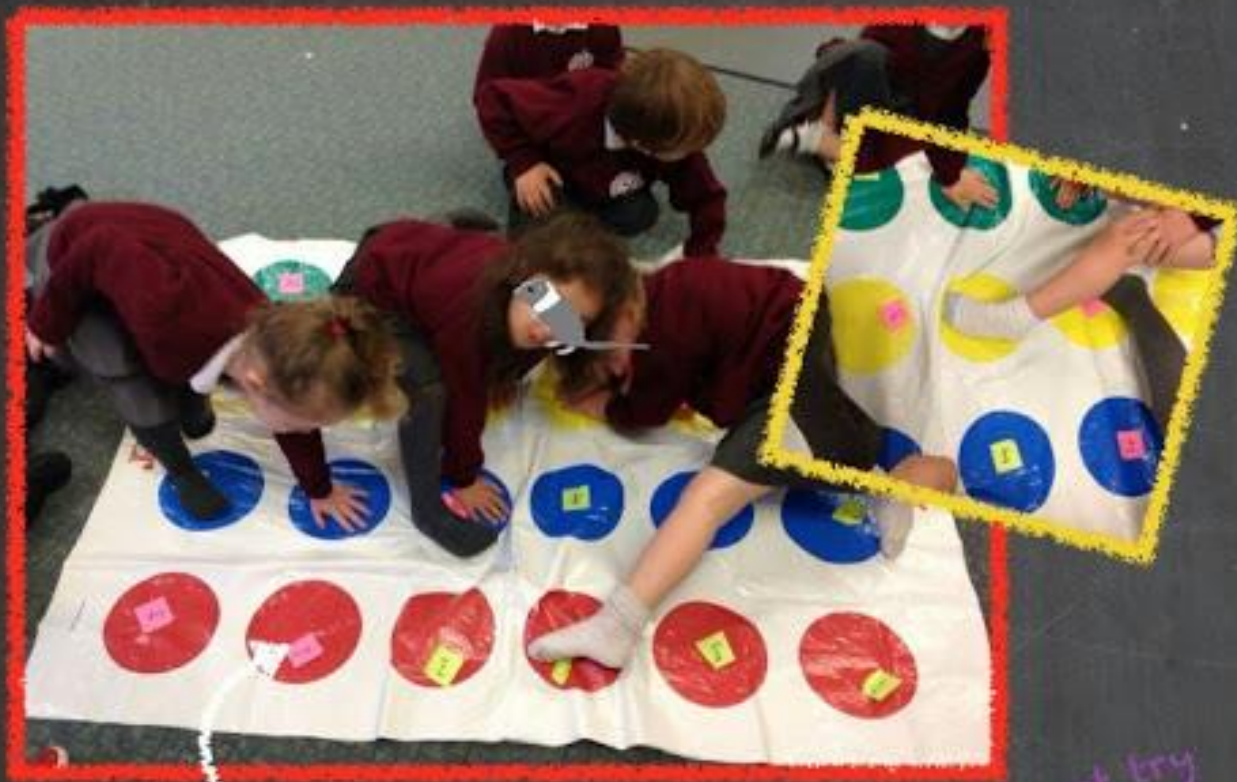
Write the sounds on piece of paper and have them up the stairs. As the step on the stair they have to say the sound! This works great with numbers too!

Write a little message to them and leave it under their pillow or on their plate at lunch time... children love reading for a purpose and they may even want to write you a message back...

Examples:

Can you hop?
Put your dish in the sink.
Shall we go for a run?

Word Twister!



Fill the circles with 6 different words, repeated 4 times. Choose 4 children and spin to select hands or feet! Say a word and off you go!

Why not try letters, numbers, shapes...?



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Literacy - Writing

Children love writing for a purpose! Get them to write birthday cards for people...

Write on vertical surfaces, or laying on the floor!

Ask them to help you write the shopping list! They could even have their own!

There is a whole document on the class page of the school website about encouraging children to write!

Turn it into role play! One of St John's Class favourite games to play is Teachers! Get them to be the teacher and teach you how to write a sentence!

Use different media and materials! Writing doesn't always have to be using a pencil and paper. Write using paint, chalk on the pavement, in flour or salt, on cardboard boxes...

Board Games

Board games are great for developing key mathematical skills, such as number recognition and 1:1 correspondence. They are also great at encouraging turn taking and self regulating feelings and emotions.

The classics are the best:

- Snakes and ladders
 - Pairs
 - Snap
- Playing card games
 - Uno

Maths

- Flash Cards
- Pairs/ snap
- Counting as you go up the stairs
(number the stairs)
- Dice games
- Board games
- Playing cards



Cooking

Allowing children to help prepare food can provide them with so many learning opportunities. It doesn't always have to be baking a cake, or following an elaborate recipe. Making a sandwich can cover the following areas of learning:

- Literacy - reading the labels on the bread/butter/jam...
- Maths - looking at expiry dates for number recognition, cutting the sandwich into squares or triangles
- Communication and language - following instructions
- Physical development - spreading butter or spreads for wrist control, talking about healthy/unhealthy diets...

The value of money

- A great idea is to have a basket of snacks they are allowed throughout the day, each with a price on them.
- Give your child a certain amount of money and the choice as to when and what they 'buy'.
- They will learn that if they want the unhealthier chocolate bar, it will cost them more than the healthy apple, and therefore won't have as much money to spend on other snack during the day.
- Not only does this teach them to value of money, but also about taking ownership over the decisions they make!