



Learning Together



This week we are Being Together and Playing Games!

Being Together and playing games is about sharing loving, funny moments and laughing together. Babies and children love playing games with you and will evoke laughter from everyone - from Peekaboo to racing games!

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Is your child starting school in September?

Look out for our 'Starting School Together Challenges' throughout the week!



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Let's play 'What's in the box'

If you hide small items in different sized boxes or under a blanket I could close my eyes, feel the object and try to guess what it is!

(If I am a younger baby)
Place the items in an open box for easier access or push scarves into a tissue box for me to pull out and swish in the air.

Starting School Together Challenge

How many words can you use to describe the object you pulled out of the box? Hard, soft, solid, spikey, squish, wrinkly...



Did you know?
These games support thinking, prediction and language skills. Even small babies will enjoy games like this as they use all of their senses to explore the different objects hidden..

What's in the box?



How you can help me...
Encourage me to feel the object, roll it in my hands and encourage me to imagine what it could be. Use different words to describe the object as clues. Ask me to guess what it is before I pull it out of the box!

What I like to do...
I love the mystery of what's hidden away! I like time to explore how different objects feel and sound when they are hidden from me.



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Let's play racing games together

Let's play racing games together. We could race in different ways such as running, jumping, skipping, crawling, rolling...

We could try balancing leaves on our heads whilst we race and chase each other! I wonder who can keep the leaf on their head the longest?

Starting School Together Challenge

How many different ways can you move around the floor? Can you move backwards using two hands and one leg?

Did you know?
Racing together teaches young children about team work, cooperation and rules. It will also help them to stay fit and healthy!



How you can help me...
Letting me lose a race as well as win one will show me that life is full of second chances!
It will also help me to develop empathy and accept disappointment

What I like to do...

I like laughing with you when we make up funny ways to move around! I like racing games and balancing things on my head to make it more difficult!



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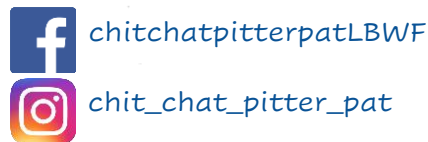
Being Together and Playing Games Let's Splish and Splash

Provide some water in a bucket, tray or saucepan and let's explore it together using different sized bottles, cups, sponges spoons, whisks, funnels, colanders...

If you give me a small container with some bubble bath and a sponge or nail brush I can pretend to wash my baby doll clothes or toys.

Starting School Together Challenge

Pour water into different sized containers.
Can you say if the container is full or empty?
Can you show which of the containers has more or less water in?



Did you know?

Babies and children love playing with water! They find it calming and one of the most fun and exciting things ever. There is no right or wrong way of playing with it so children will always feel successful when exploring and playing freely with water.



How you can help me...
Introduce new words to me as we play and do different actions such as whisk, drip, tip or pour... Remember to never leave me alone with water.

What I like to do...
I love to splash, hold, spray, pour, sprinkle, trickle, drizzle, drip, whisk water using my hands, funnels, sponges and any other objects we can find from around the house.

