

# Learning Together



## This week we are Mark Making and Creating Together!

Mark Making Together is about valuing the marks that your child makes and talking together about them! It is very easy to dismiss the different lines and circles children create as just 'scribbles', but actually, they are mark making which is the first step towards writing!

**Monday**  
Follow  
my line

**Top tips  
Tuesday**

**Wednesday**  
Making  
and  
Tracing  
Shadows

**Thumbs Up  
Thursday**

**Friday**  
Exploring  
colourful  
creations

**Share Day  
Saturday**

**Is your child starting school in September?**

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



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Let's make lines and shapes together

Make a line and different shapes with chalks, a light pen/pencil for your child to follow!

Let's find objects together to print with. We could even make our own shapes using toilets rolls, pipe cleaners or cut up food like potatoes.

### **\*Starting School Together Challenge\***

Can you name the different shapes you are making? Can you use your shapes to create a picture?

### Did you know?

Opportunities where children mindfully trace, will really improve their visual spatial awareness and fine motor skills!



**How you can help me...**  
Create a variety of lines for me to follow e.g. straight, slanted, curvy, zig-zag, horizontal, vertical... If these are on the floor maybe we could balance on them too!

### What I like to do...

I like to make up songs with you whilst making marks together E.g.

"Can you make a straight line, straight line, straight line, can you make a straight line just like me?"





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Let's make and trace shadows!

Let's make shadows together. What different animals can we make with our hands?

Explore making shadows with different objects e.g. dinosaurs, cars, plant pots.  
Let's draw around the shadow together?

### **\*Starting School Together Challenge\***

Can you talk about how you think a shadow is made. Explore what makes your shadow disappear. Can you make it bigger or smaller? How?

### **Did you know?**

Young children love to learn new words! Use these activities as an opportunity to teach your children new and exciting vocabulary! You will be amazed at how quickly they start using them!  
(opaque, outline, shadow, shade, darkness...)



**How you can help me...**  
Help me to understand that any object – living or non living that can block light can cast shadows. Show me how I can create shadows on the wall with my hands!

### **What I like to do...**

Explore around me to see what can form a shadow. Help me to notice that swings, trees, cars, tables and almost everything else has a shadow.





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What different colours can I use?

Let's make marks and draw pictures on a kitchen towel with felt tip pens!

Using a water sprayer let's see what happens to our pictures if we spray them with water!

### \*Starting School Together Challenge\*

Can you try to cut your pictures out using some scissors?



### Did you know?

Little hands need to develop strength and skill and it is never too early to start. "Play" activities using things like water sprayers and pegs will help to prepare your child to hold and use a pencil, pen or crayon...



### How you can help me...

Help my little hands to grip the sprayer and show me how to make it spray! Ask me questions "Can you make the spray hit my sticker on the wall?" "What happens if you spray really close/far away..."

### What I like to do...

I like spray different objects to leave my mark! Maybe we can add food colouring to the spray bottles to make them different colours!

