

# Supporting your Child's Transition into Year 1...

#### A Guide for Parents

This booklet is designed to support parents who have a child due to start Year One in September.

It identifies the different aspects of Personal, Social and Emotional development within the Early Years Curriculum. Through planned activities, some incorporated within your daily routine, you can support your child to be ready for the return to school.

Working in partnership with parents to support your child's learning and development...

#### **Self Confidence and Self Awareness**

#### **Learning Intentions:**

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# opportunities Communication &

**Linked learning** 

Language:

- Use past, present and future forms accurately when talking about events that have happened or are about to happen in the future
- Beginning of Y1:
   Begin to use a range of vocabulary to add information

### Physical Development:

- Show good control and coordination in large and small movements
- Uses a pencil to form recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed
- Beginning of Y1: Begin to write on lines and control letter size

#### **Literacy:**

 Write simple sentences which can be read by themselves and others

#### **Mathematics:**

- Count reliably with numbers from 1 to 20
- Beginning of Y1: Begin read and write numbers from 1 to 20 in digits and words
- Use everyday language to talk about time / distance
- Beginning of Y1: Measure time / distance

#### Activities to support development

#### Build an obstacle course ...

- Set the challenge of only using 5 pieces of equipment
- Take turns to set up different parts of the course and explain what action is needed
- Set each other a further challenge, to remove a piece of equipment and replace with something more difficult, explaining choice

**Extension:** 

Write a simple set of instructions together of how to complete their course 

Record the time taken to complete the course and make comparisons

## Large pieces of material or bed sheet, pegs, post-its

What you will need?

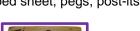
Garden toys - cones, balls,

racquets, stopwatch, paper,

skipping ropes, hoops,

pencils







#### Build a den / model ...

- Agree what to build
- Agree what resources to use
- Share and try different ideas
- Discuss and agree favourite ideas

**Extension:** 

Write a sign welcoming visitor to den / view model 

Write a caption to explain what the model is 

Write a set of instructions for someone else to use to make the same den/model

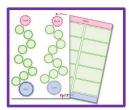
#### Our board game ...

This activity can start by playing favourite board game

- Provide a blank game board frame or use an existing game board
- Decide what type of game it is going to be. Is it going to be based on numbers, phonics, reading ...?
- Agree the theme of the game the characters / setting
- Agree the rules
- Try, test and adapt

**Extension:** Write a simple set of instructions together of how to play their game

# Blank game board or existing game board, dice, characters (small figures) or counters, paper



#### Aeroplane challenge ...

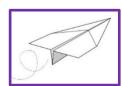
This activity can start by looking at different aeroplanes on the internet and in books

- Set the challenge of working together to design and make a paper aeroplane
- Together talk through and share ideas
- Test different designs to see which will travel the furthest

**Extension:** 

Fly aeroplanes and measure distance using footsteps / time

#### Paper



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#### **Linked learning** opportunities

Activities to support development

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#### Playdough factory ...

- Provide a list of instructions (pictures and words) to make own non-cook playdough
- Discuss how to organise the activity (i) where? (ii) with who? (iii) when?

**Extension:** 

Talk about and write a list of things that can be made with the playdough 

Organise a Playdough Competition – making a model in a given set of time. Vote for favourite model.



theimaginationtree.com/bestever-no-cook-play-doughrecipe/

#### Creative cookery ...

Together agree what to make for snack. Start by looking at cookery books / sharing favourite foods / online research

- Decide what to make e.g.
  - Pizza: Create different toppings, some favourites and some new
  - Fruit kebabs: Try different fruit
- Write a shopping list
- Decide who is going to do what
- Take turns taking photographs of each part of the process



www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes /collection/kids-cooking

#### **Extension:** Make own recipe card using photographs and adding instructions Make snack invitations and control letter size

#### Gardening challenge ... Literacy:

- Provide a range of seed packets
- Together make a list of gardening equipment that is needed to plant the seeds
- Make a weekly calendar identifying jobs to keep the seeds alive
- Keep a seed diary

**Extension:** Record the growth of the seeds

#### Seeds, soil, watering can, pot or seed tray, paper and pencils





#### **Mathematics:**

others

- Use everyday language to talk about distance, size and height
- Beginning of Y1: Measure distance and height using nonstandard units.

#### Nature art ...

- Provide child with a container to collect items on a scavenger hunt - twigs, leaves, stones, pine cones, fallen petals etc.
- Share ideas on what to make with the natural objects. Encourage turn taking.
- Create using materials on piece of paper / inside an empty frame. Talk through creation and why certain resources where used



#### **Managing Feelings and Behaviour**

#### **Learning Intentions:**

□ Know that some behaviour is unacceptable □ Understand and follow rules □ Adjust behaviour to different situations

Situations			
	nked learning oportunities	Activities to support development	What you will need?
La	Communication & Language:  They use past, present and future forms accurately when talking about events that have happened or are about to happen in the future  Beginning of Y1: Begin to use a range of vocabulary to add information.  Physical Development:	I can keep myself safe  Before events talk through how to keep safe e.g.  Walking to school / the dog  Riding bike / scooter (including use of helmet)  Preparing / cooking snack  Extension: □ Create a keep safe poster  Oh no  Use stories to explore how different characters follow or break rules and the effects these behaviour choices have on others, such as -  The Station Mouse by Meg McLaren  What if Everybody did that? by Ellen Javernick  The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister	STATION MOUSE
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	sentences which can be read by themselves and others  athematics: Use everyday language to talk about distance / time	My day  Together agree a routine e.g.  - Bedtime routine  - Time to go to bed  - Time to get up  - Home learning routine  Extension: □ Create own daily schedule with times and	11 12 1 10 2 9 3 8 7 6 5

expectations

**Beginning of Y1:** Begin to measure time / distance

#### **Making Relationships**

#### **Learning Intentions:**

□ Shows sensitivity to others' needs and feelings Links to Managing Feelings and Behaviour □ Talks about how they and others show feelings

#### **Linked learning** opportunities

#### Story time ...

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Use different picture books to explore feelings of characters and own

- The Feeling Flower by Lean Dakroub Acknowledges how our feelings can change throughout the day
- Perfectly Norman by Tom Percival Being different, sad ...

**Activities to support development** 

Extension: 

Together use puppets to act out story / explore own feelings 

Draw character / own feelings Write a diary of feelings

Selection of picture books (local libraries have a great range), soft toys, puppets, small figures/characters, arts and craft resources





#### **Physical Development:**

- Handle tools effectively, including pencils for writing/drawing
- Use a pencil to form recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed
- Beginning of Y1: Begin to write on lines and control letter size.

#### Films ...

Watch a film together e.g. Inside Out

- Discuss the different emotions of the characters
- Begin to link character emotions to own

Extension: 

Together use puppets to act out story / explore own feelings 

Draw characters and write a description Write list 'happiness' of events/experiences



#### Mindfulness Activities ...

- Explore different mindfulness activities that will raise your child's awareness of their own thoughts and feelings, such as breathing techniques, yoga, blowing bubbles, art work or colouring
- Listening to my Body by Gabi Garcia (An introductory book to Mindfulness for children)

A range of resources can be accessed online



#### **Literacy:**

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#### Wheel of Choice ...

- Discuss that conflict and disagreements can occur and how a wheel of choice can help think of a solution
- Model to your child how the wheel can be used
- Reward good choices

As the child becomes more familiar with the solutions, they may no longer need the visual of the wheel to support them.

# **Wheel of Choice**

#### Problem-solving sticks ...

- Introduce child to jar with lollypop sticks
- As solutions are agreed to solve conflict / disagreements write them on a stick and put it back in the jar
- Support your child to use the sticks independently



By the <u>end</u> of EYFS, Reception, it is expected that your child will achieve the following three Early Learning Goals in Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

#### **ELG 6: Self Confidence & Self Awareness**

Children are confident to try new activities, and to say why they like some activities more than others. They are confident to speak in a familiar group, will talk about their ideas, and will choose the resources they need for their chosen activities. They say when they do or don't need help.

#### ELG 7: Managing Feelings & Behaviour

Children talk about how they and others show feelings, talk about their own and others' behaviour, and its consequences, and know that some behaviour is unacceptable. They work as part of a group or class, and understand and follow rules. They adjust their behaviour to different situations, and take changes of routine in their stride.

#### **ELG 8: Making Relationships**

Children play co-operatively, taking turns with others. They take account of one another's ideas about how to organise their activity. They show sensitivity to others' needs and feelings, and form positive relationships with adults and other children.