

Literacy Activities

Duplo Words



You will need:

- *Duplo blocks - long and short
- *Wipeable marker

Start by writing some simple 2-4 letter words on the longer pieces of Duplo and then write the same letters on individual blocks.

Give the children the two sets and see if they can put the letters in the correct order spelling the corresponding word.

This Activity will help children to understand basic words by getting them to match up the letters.

Letter Wheel

You will need:

- *Paper plate
- *Black felt tip/marker
- * Scissors

Write each letter of the alphabet around the edge of the paper plate and cut incisions on the side of each letter so they can be folded down.



When you are out and about take this wheel with you. See if your child can observe the environment and look for letters.

Are they able to tell you what letter they can see?

Are they able to match the letter they found to the same one on their wheel? If they can match the letter, get them to fold it down and see what other letters they can find, until all the letters are folded down.

You can do this over a few days.

Train Track Words



You will need:

- *Wooden train track
- *Blank stickers
- *Pen

Write a selection of different letters on stickers and stick them to the train track. Make sure you have plenty of vowels so children can actually form words if they are able to.

You could write a word on a piece of paper and see if they can copy it using the track.

If this is too advanced maybe use the letters and let the children explore them. This will help with their early letter recognition.

Magical Letters

You will need:

- *White crayons
- *White paper
- *Watercolour paint
- *Paintbrushes



Use the crayons to write some random letters on the paper. Give your child the paper and ask them to paint on the paper using the watercolour paints.

Let them watch as the letters appear. Can they name the letters they can see?

If your child can do this and enjoys it, why not show them how it is done.

Letter Hunting



You will need:

- *Plastic letters, or written letters on paper
- * Bowl
- *Substance such as shredded paper, dry pasta, oats

Fill a bowl with your chosen substance then add in the plastic letters (written letters) mix them all up and ask your child to dig around

and see what they can find.

Do they recognise the letters?

Can they find a certain letter?

Can they use the letters to sound out simple single words?

Scribbling and Mark-making

You will need:

*Paper

*Pens, crayons, pencils, paint



Encouraging children of all ages to start making marks is crucial for their development.

At the earliest stages it is important that children are able to explore the sensory experience, the feelings of crayons, the smell of paint and the roughness of the paper.