

Reception activities:

Reading stories/looking at pictures (promotes C & L, EAD, PSED, L):

- Talk about the story as you read it - how is the character feeling (and can you think of another word that means that?)? Why do you think that? Can you remember a time you felt like that? What might happen next? Why? Look at the pictures - what can we see? Can you use adjectives (describing words) to talk about what you see, e.g. I can see a big red bus.
- Can you retell the story afterwards? Make up actions to different parts of the story
- Can you act out the story and pretend to be different characters? Why don't you ask someone to interview you as the character (like we did with Little Red Riding Hood).
- Can you draw your favourite character and write a sentence?

Baking/helping in the kitchen (promotes M, C & L, L, PD)

- Can you write out the recipe?
- Help to weigh and measure ingredients
- Talk about healthy foods
- Use new words whilst you bake (mix, stir, ingredients, whisk etc.)
- Talk about changes of state (how food looks before it goes into the oven and how food looks when coming out of the oven)

Board games (promotes C & L, PSED, UW, M)

- Taking turns helps you to learn to share
- Can you learn the rules and tell someone else how to play it (give instructions)?
- Can you make up your own game and write the rules?

Singing songs/rhymes/dancing (promotes EAD, PD, PSED, L)

- Make time for some daily exercise
- On youtube, dance along to REFITREV music videos
- Learn words and actions to nursery rhymes with Mr Tumble
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iyIDg6m4gA0>
- Have a family talent show (such as singing, dancing, telling jokes)

Creative activities (promotes PD, EAD, C & L)

- What can you make your box into? Can you design it first?
- Use scissors to cut out different shapes to make pictures
- Find materials and furniture to build a den
- Make sock puppets and do a puppet show
- Use paint to mix new colours
- Make musical instruments (rice/pasta in a bottle for a shaker, banging spoon on a saucepan, chopsticks on a colander/sieve)

Science (promotes UW, C & L)

- Try some of these fun experiments <http://www.sciencefun.org/kidszone/experiments/>
- Can you plant a seed and grow a plant? What does it need to grow?
- Watch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=75NQK-Sm1YY> and learn about the life cycle of a butterfly

Looking at family albums and pictures (promotes PSED, UW, C & L)

- Look at family celebrations: What were you celebrating? How did you celebrate?
- Talk about special family times you have shared
- Talk about how much you have changed

Areas of learning

PD = Physical Development, **EAD** = Expressive Arts & Design, **PSED** = Personal, Social & Emotional Development, **L**= Literacy, **M** = Maths, **UW** = Understanding the World, **C & L**= Communication & Language