




New Life

Hello Robins and Owls! In the 2 weeks after the Easter holidays we would have been thinking all about 'New Life'. This would include making nests, singing '5 little ducks went swimming one day' and learning all about baby animals. Here are some ideas of activities on this theme that you can do at home. Stay at home and stay safe.

Activity	How to do it	Or...
Make a duckling using a paper cup	See pictures below for help!	No paper cups? Try making one out of card!
Make chocolate nests	See recipe below! 	If you don't have the ingredients try making a nest out of paper or grass instead!
Write or draw the chocolate nest recipe	Use pencils and crayons to draw or write out how you made your recipe	Ask a grown-up to help you draw a picture of a nest
Sing 5 little ducks went swimming one day (here is a link) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F2OpkQuOjig	Use your hand to pretend to be the mummy duck, and your fingers to represent each duck! Fold a finger down each time a duck doesn't come back!	Have a look for a different nursery rhyme to sing on youtube

Draw around your hand and draw a duck onto each finger	Use yellow paper or card if you have it, and draw eyes and beaks onto each finger! Cut it out!	You could fold little orange bits of paper to make the beaks! Now use it to help you sing the song!
Cut up a picture from a magazine carefully to make a puzzle	Ask a grown up to stick the picture onto some card first (an old cereal packet would work well) so that it's got a firm base. Then draw lines across the picture to follow as you're cutting	If you don't fancy making a puzzle, why not make a wish list of things you'd like to buy? Argos catalogues are great for this!
Make a pond	Use a bowl, put some water in it. Now find pebbles, leaves and maybe even some animals to have a swim!	If you don't have a bowl, you could put a plug in the sink and make your pond indoors!
Make some grass	Using child scissors and a long strip of green paper, make grass by snipping all up the edge on one side.	No scissors? Try tearing instead.
Film yourself singing a song	Using a tablet or a smartphone (with permission) film yourself singing a song! It could be anything you like! You could dress up too if you like!	Play x-factor and sing for your family! You're a pop-star!
Make a bunny hat with long ears	See picture below for ideas!	You don't have to be a bunny! Why not try wolf ears instead!

Use playdough to make a chick!	First make a round ball, then carefully use a pencil to carve eyes and a beak!	Make a flat chick with a round biscuit cutter instead.
Read a story with someone in your family	Choose a story and share it together. Use the pictures to help you.	Ask someone to read it for you.
Can you spot these things out of your window/in your garden? (a cloud, a spider's web, a pebble/stone, a bird, a number, a wheel?)	Ask a grown-up to write a list of things to spot out of the window and tick them off once you've found them.	Or you could draw a picture of what you saw instead.
Videocall someone that you miss and tell them you love them	Ask a grown-up if you can ring someone you are missing. Tell them you love them and show them something you have made.	If you can't video call them, make a video to show them later.
Make a repeating pattern using objects from around your house	You could use different shaped pasta, buttons or coloured smarties! Take a photo of your pattern when it's finished.	Ask Mummy to draw a pattern with shapes and you could colour it in!
Sing 'A Boom-Chicka-Boom' https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F2XVfTzel8E	Try to copy the dance moves! Invite your family to join in!	No computer? Try wind-the-bobbin up!
Draw a hopscotch frame in your garden, throw a pebble onto a number and hop to it!	Wear your bunny hat and make them bunny hops!	If you can't go outside, try making a hopscotch frame using masking tape in the living room!

Make a matching game!	Draw onto some card/paper 2 rabbits, 2 chicks, 2 eggs and 2 flowers. Turn them all face down and try to find the matching pairs	Don't want to draw? Ask a grown up to write numbers 0-5 on the cards instead
Watch Percy the Park Keeper and the Rescue Party story https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aHPHmJXeWew	Retell the story to someone in your house	Can you find a dark hole somewhere in your house?
Recite nursery rhymes about animals (This could include: baa baa black sheep, hey diddle diddle, old macdonald had a farm)	Recite but miss out the last word for the children to put it in.	Make up new verses for each rhyme
Play at animal guess who?	Hide behind a chair and make animal sounds so that a grown up can guess who?	Make sounds with pots pans and guess what they are.
Match baby animals to its parent	Search for baby animals in a book or using Google. Use the correct term for the babies ie. Chick lamb piglet, calf	Search on the tablet for where these animals live!
Play alphabet soup	Fold up separate letters of the alphabet, put in a bowl. Grown up help to read them, then think of words beginning with that sound.	Put toy animals or pictures in a bowl and then choose one identifying the initial sound.

Practice name writing on a flour surface	Sprinkle a table top with flour write your name or draw a picture smooth over and repeat.	Try a little oil on a baking tray using fingers! A bit messy!
Make a musical instrument	Fill an empty carton with beans dahl or pasta make enough for everyone, create a band and all join in singing favourite songs.	See if you can hear different noises when you shake different items.

Have fun!

Chocolate Nest recipe

Ingredients

200g milk chocolate, broken into pieces

85g shredded wheat, crushed

2 x 100g bags mini chocolate eggs

You'll also need

cupcake cases

Method

1. Melt the chocolate in a small bowl placed over a pan of barely simmering water. Pour the chocolate over the shredded wheat and stir well to combine.

2. Spoon the chocolate wheat into 12 cupcake cases and press the back of a teaspoon in the centre to create a nest shape. Place 3 mini chocolate eggs on top of each nest. Chill the nests in the fridge for





Alphabet Soup:

A Quick Preschool Learning Game

