



Buckinghamshire Family Learning



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Keeping in Touch with Family Learning - Early Years Edition

Hello, we hope you are keeping well. This edition looks at a cardboard box and boxes of all shapes and sizes. We wanted to share some ideas to support imaginative play through a box – do share any ways in which you used your cardboard box!

Share a Book



Not a box is a lovely story exploring what a box can be supporting imagination. When reading this with your child stop after each page and ask them what they think the box is being, a fire engine? A space rocket? ... what would they make a box?

Busy Fingers



Gather all your coloured pens; crayons, felt tips, chalk, pencils and decorate the box. Let your child be as creative as they choose. While your child is decorating by following their with their lead – if it's a big box – why not get inside the box to decorate inside not just on the outside. This is great for fine motor skills, confidence, and imagination all in one activity.

Explore



Find as many boxes around your home as you can – shoe boxes, cereal boxes, egg boxes. Then try and either stack the boxes on top of each other or size order the boxes. Think about the different shapes to use to add to vocabulary – rectangle, square, long, corner. Does the tower wobble? How tall can you build?

Get active



When walking outside – look for boxes and their uses. Get chatting about what your child thinks they may be used for. Can you find any bird boxes, recycling boxes, letter boxes, a meter box. When you get home maybe try and make the box you saw and then see where the play takes you...a post office? A recycling activity? Over the weekend of 28th January – 30th January the RSPB are holding a bird count – why not get involved [Bird count](#)

Family Learning Early Years Courses

Story Workshop – Ten Little Pirates



Stories

Free online workshop for parents and carers of children aged 2-4 years

Join our Ten Little Pirates Story workshop from 10am – 12pm to explore the story, make some crafts, sing some songs, and discover how Family Learning can help you support your child's early years development.

Date: Thursday, 3rd February 10am – 12pm

Booking is essential. To enrol visit our website [Family Learning](#)

For more information on the workshop please contact Wendy 07768 044813

Thinking about Volunteering



Volunteering

Free online workshop for parents and carers with school age children

Are you thinking of going back into the workplace? Discover the skills you have and how they match the skills you need to work as a volunteer. Look at where to find volunteer opportunities and what are the next steps on your journey.

Date: Monday 7th February 10am – 12pm

Book is essential. To enrol visit our website [Family Learning](#)