

# Ideas for Activities With Early Years Children for Nursery & Reception

1. Writing name – check correct letter formation, use different colours/sizes.
2. Listen to stories, retell stories & tell own stories – these could be recorded.
3. Read together.
4. Phonics - Sound books, flashcards, initial sound matching pictures, practise letter formation for alphabet, order alphabet letters, match lowercase to uppercase letters.
5. Play – communication – talk about play, extend vocabulary, use eye contact
6. Life skills – sitting at the table for meals, use knife and fork correctly, set the table (counting), getting dressed (zips, buttons, buckles), zipping own coat, independent toileting, tidy up
7. Play a box/board game
8. Try a different fruit
9. Paint a picture
10. Pencil control/correct grip
11. Plant a seed and care for it
12. Shape Hunt – look for shapes at home – circle, square, rectangle, triangle, cube, cuboid, sphere, cylinder, cone, pyramid
13. Lego challenges – build a castle, car, chair, house, animal
14. Draw a picture and write labels or a caption using phonic sounds taught
15. Write a card, letter, postcard or story
16. Practise your reading book – take a page at a time and practise until fluent; could record on video
17. Complete a jigsaw
18. Fine-motor scissor skills – practise cutting out shapes/pictures
19. Practise writing numbers
20. Dot-to-dots – number sequences
21. Counting – buttons, cheerios, cars, anything!
22. Make teen numbers using Numicon shapes (Transition pack) or even with playing cards
23. Play snap!
24. Write addition sums using dominoes
25. Play dominoes
25. Look for domino doubles
26. Strengthen hand and finger muscles – plasticine/play dough “Dough Disco” (search online), make plasticine models, use tweezers to pick up small objects (\*lots of playdough recipes on twinkl site)