

Family page – Houses and homes

We will be using the theme of Houses and Homes to introduce your child to different areas of learning. If you would like to follow this up at home here are a few ideas to try!

Talking

Talk about where you lived as a child. If you have photographs of your childhood home share these with your child.

Making

Make furniture for a favourite toy. Armchairs can be made from plastic beakers and sponge, card and cotton reels make simple tables whilst cereal packets, cardboard tubes and lolly sticks can be used to make wonderful bunk beds.

Make tents from circles of wallpaper glued into cone shapes. Help your child to arrange the tents on a large sheet of paper with drawn roads, paths and a play area. Draw or cut people out of magazines and enjoy playing together in the tent park. Enjoy building homes with construction toys.

Books

Visit your local library to look for non-fiction books about homes and houses. Help your child to discover how builders make houses. Look for books about special animal homes. Together search for and learn to recite rhymes that feature homes such as 'There was an old lady who lived in a shoe'.

In the kitchen

Make biscuits in the shape of homes such as houseboats, mobile homes and houses. Involve your child in measuring out and mixing the ingredients. Use icing to mark out features such as windows, roofs, wheels and doors.

Out and about

Look at the variety in the places where people live. Help your child to notice differences in bricks, numbers of windows, colours and decoration. Look at the range of glass patterns used for frosted glass windows. When passing an estate agent's look at the photographs of homes. Talk about the features you and your child like.

What are the opportunities for learning?

Becoming more aware of homes and houses; Experiencing handling different materials; Asking questions, investigating and exploring; Enjoying rhymes, stories and talking.

