

Summer Ideas

Sock snake

Repurpose any old socks and spare clothing to do some simple sewing. Put on a puppet show afterwards.



Ideas for indoors

Phases of the moon

Help your child learn about the phases of the moon and how the moon orbits around the Earth. Make it interesting and fun by using cookies that are covered in icing that you can scrape away!



Crystal growing

Create a saturated solution of water and salt or sugar. Water needs to be boiling so make sure that an adult helps with this bit. Transfer solution to a jar and dangle some pipe cleaners off lolly sticks in the jar for the crystals to form around. You can add food colouring too!



Coding with Lego

Set up a privacy screen between you and your child and see if one of you can describe what you have built without showing the other so that the other can copy what you have done.



For more Lego unplugged coding activities visit <https://brainpowerboy.com/lego-coding-activity-unplugged/>

Baking

Why not do some simple baking getting the children to weigh out the ingredients (they could even use their maths to scale up or down any recipe for more or less people). You could try these simple chocolate chip muffins.



For more detailed information visit: <https://littlebinsforlittlehands.com/how-to-grow-salt-crystals-easter-science/>

Find more recipes for children at <https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/collecton/kids-baking>

Rock painting

These could be given as gifts or maybe used as paperweights. You could create a snake of rocks around your house.



Cress Heads

These are fun to grow and grow really quickly. You could photograph the plant each day and measure the height of the stalks to see how it changes from day to day. Try growing different ones in different places to see how different amounts of light, heat or water affect the growth.



Penny chemistry

Clean some old pennies using ketchup. Why does ketchup get them so clean?



Check out the science behind it here <https://bit.ly/3ea4DBD>

Card Games

<https://wehavekids.com/parenting/Card-Games-For-Kids>

9. Crazy Eights

- Ages: 4+
- Players: 2-5

How to Play

1. Deal 5 cards to each player. Place the remaining cards in a stack in the centre, and flip over the top card to create a face-up card pile.
2. Each player takes a turn to play either the same suit or same number on top of the face-up card—or an 8. An 8 can be played on any card, and the player playing it chooses what suit the next player has to play.
3. The first player to get rid of all their cards wins.



DIY Pompom Rug



<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=how+to+make+a+pom+pom&view=detail&mid=250237D8A40087CE8F96250237D8A40087CE8F96&FORM=VIRE>

Check out the video above with a step by step guide to making the perfect pompom.

Poetry Challenge

When it's pouring down outside and you have time to ponder about what the future may hold!

Can you learn them off by heart?

Early Readers (approx. YR-Y1)	Developing Readers (approx. Y2-Y3/4)	Fluent Readers (approx. Y4-6)
<p>Slightly Rainy Day</p> <p>By Kenn Nesbitt</p> <p>It's windy and chilly and rainy and grey, but, still, I won't need my galoshes today.</p> <p>I'll need no umbrella, no jacket or mittens. It's not raining hard; only puppies and kittens.</p> <p>— Kenn Nesbitt</p>	<p>One Day I'll Be</p> <p>by James McDonald</p> <p>Today at school my teacher said, I wonder what you'll be When time has passed and you've grown up, And the world is yours to see?</p> <p>Right then and there I stood straight up, And looked her in the face, And said with pride and confidence, I plan to live in space.</p> <p>Like pirates of so long ago, My ship will take me far,</p>	<p>Keep On Keepin' On</p> <p>by Unknown Author</p> <p>If the day looks kinder gloomy And your chances kinder slim, If the situation's puzzlin' And the prospect's awful grim, If perplexities keep pressin' Till hope is nearly gone, Just bristle up and grit your teeth And keep on keepin' on. Frettin' never wins a fight And fumin' never pays;</p>

Source: www.poetry4kids.com

Around the moon and back again,
And to a distant star.

So when you talk about the world,
And say it's yours to see,
I believe I'll have the greatest view,
Upon the cosmic sea.

Source:-

<http://www.rainydaypoems.com/poems-for-kids>

There ain't no use in broodin'
In these pessimistic ways;
Smile just kinder cheerfully
Though hope is nearly gone,
And bristle up and grit your teeth
And keep on keepin' on.

There ain't no use in growlin'
And grumblin' all the time,
When music's ringin' everywhere
And everything's a rhyme.
Just keep on smilin' cheerfully
If hope is nearly gone,
And bristle up and grit your teeth
And keep on keepin' on.

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