



Oasis Home Learning Challenges: Baby Room

Personal, Social and Emotional Development	Physical Development	Communication and Language	Literacy	Mathematics	Understanding the World	Expressive Arts and Design
Pointing to and naming body parts. Sing the nursery rhyme 'Heads, shoulders, knees and toes'.	For younger babies – tummy time to promote physical development. Hold objects out in front of them to encourage them to reach and grab. For older babies – practice physical skills such as sitting up, cruising along furniture or walking with the support of a walker or parent/carer/older sibling.	Sing nursery rhymes to your baby, maintaining eye contact throughout to promote early communication skills. Use different tones of voice and facial expressions.	Mark-making with edible finger paints (link to recipe below): https://theimaginationree.com/homemade-edible-finger-paint-recipe/	Hiding toys under blankets or behind your back – create lots of enthusiasm when they are out of sight and again when revealed. This will help your baby to learn that things still exist when they are out of sight.	Explore cause and effect toys that make a noise or light-up when buttons are pressed.	Painting with trucks and cars, large brushes, balls, body parts – use a large piece of paper on the floor and allow your baby to explore making marks.
Peek-a-boo games to engage your baby in playful interactions and encourage turn-taking.	Give your baby their own spoon at mealtimes to allow them to practice holding and using a spoon.	For younger babies - Make faces with your baby – poking out your tongue, moving mouth etc. respond to/copy their faces and sounds. For older babies – talk to your baby and respond to their babbles and sounds. Repeat back any words they attempt to say.	Explore picture books and lift-the-flap books – allow your baby to help turn pages and use single words to name objects in the pictures.	Stacking cups, slot puzzles, building blocks – opportunities for your baby to explore stacking items or fitting them together.	Treasure baskets – put together a collection of different items from around the house for your baby to explore (wooden spoons, sponges, metal spoons, cardboard tubes, strips of material etc). Make sure there is no small parts that can be swallowed or any sharp edges.	Sensory/messy play – opportunities for your baby to explore different textures (gloop, jelly, shaving foam, baked beans, custard etc).
Mirror play – babies love to look at their reflections. Make faces, blow raspberries and point to body parts.	Blowing bubbles in the garden – encourage your baby to reach up, crawl, walk etc to reach and pop the bubbles.	Listen to your favourite music with your baby and encourage them to move and dance with you.	Finger songs and rhymes to promote engagement and enjoyment. You could also use finger puppets to make up stories and rhymes.	Porridge oats or rice with bowls and spoons – your baby will enjoy filling and emptying containers.	Look at photographs of special people and/or places with your baby.	Homemade shakers/sensory bottles for your baby to explore – fill empty bottles with different resources such as water and glitter, dry rice or pasta, pompoms.