

Family Fun!

Ideas to support learning, play and well-being.

Word Games

Word games can be a lot of fun, but they can also be used to support your child's learning and development. They can help children focus on sounds and letters and develop the skills needed for reading, writing, and spelling.

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There are over 100 words here. Use these letters in different combinations to see how many you can find!



Card Games

Keep the pile of cards in the middle. Each player flips a card and adds it to their running total. First one to get to 100 wins. For younger children remove the face cards and use these values for older children: Jack-11, Queen-12, King-13, Ace-0. Allowing your children to use a whiteboard with a dry wipe pen will make it easier to wipe off any mistakes and this will encourage them to practice their addition skills.



Food Science

A fun way of learning about food is by exploring its different properties. There are several science experiments involving food – here are just a few examples. Demonstrate capillary action by putting celery in water and adding food dye. Explore the weird and wonderful properties of cornflour by making slime that can be both liquid and solid.

Celery Experiment

When food colouring is added to the water, it travels with the water into the celery's stem and then into the leaves. Plants absorb nutrients from the soil, the food colouring illustrate how nutrients are delivered to all parts of the plant.



Cornflour Slime

Steps

Put 2 cups (250 g) of cornflour and 1 ½ cups (350 mL) of water into a bowl. ...

Mix the cornflour and water together until both ingredients are fully blended. ...

Finish mixing the slime with your hands to give it a smooth texture. ...

Place your slime inside a lidded container to keep it from drying out.

