

## More Fun Things to Try

**Have fun with Lego** – There are lots of things you can do with Lego, search '30 day Lego challenge' online for ideas of things to build.

**Visit the Zoo online** – Edinburgh Zoo has webcams from their animal enclosures for you to watch here [www.edinburghzoo.org.uk/webcams/](http://www.edinburghzoo.org.uk/webcams/)

**Build a Bug Hotel** – Create a safe space for wildlife in your garden, like a bug hotel or a bird feeder. Visit [www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/](http://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/)

**Traditional Games** – Introduce your children to traditional games such as Rock Paper Scissors, Noughts and Crosses, Hop Scotch or Skittles

## Further Help and Support

**Helping Children to Understand the Coronavirus** – Books and activities to help children to better understand the coronavirus and how to stay safe: [www.cambslearntogether.co.uk/home-learning/wellbeing](http://www.cambslearntogether.co.uk/home-learning/wellbeing)

- ★ **Staying active** - 60 second challenges from the Youth Sport Trust: [www.youthsporttrust.org/60-second-physical-activity-challenges](http://www.youthsporttrust.org/60-second-physical-activity-challenges)
- ★ **Ideas for self-care** - [www.annafreud.org/on-my-mind/self-care/](http://www.annafreud.org/on-my-mind/self-care/)
- ★ **Family fun activity pack** - [www.strengtheningminds.co.uk/](http://www.strengtheningminds.co.uk/)
- ★ **Internet safety advice** - [www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/)
- ★ **Local support** - [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/parenting-and-family-support](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/parenting-and-family-support)

# Learn Together at Home

This guide aims to provide further activities and ideas to complement the home learning tasks that your children have been set by school.

There are suggested games, challenges and further links to resources for parents and carers too.



There's lots of things you can do together!

# Screen-free Ideas and Games

## 10 fun ideas for you to try at home

1. Be a Builder – use Lego, blocks or other things around your home to create a building or tower.  
Challenge: create a tower more than 50cm tall that is strong and wide enough to balance your shoes on top!
2. Be an Artist – create an image to show what you can see or whatever you can imagine. It could be a drawing, chalk sketch, painting or pattern with sticks and stones.  
Challenge: draw the view from out of your window on different days to create a 'spot the difference' game.
3. Be a Song Writer – write a song, rap or rhyme about something you're interested in. Challenge: re-write the words to a song you like to say thank you to someone great!

4. Be an Explorer – create a treasure map of your bedroom or garden and illustrate it.
5. Be Kind – write a letter to say thank you to someone for something helpful they have done.
6. Be Active – create a 5 minute workout with 5 simple 60-second activities to stay active at home.
7. Be a Photographer – take photos of something or someone you like from different angles and at different times of the day.
8. Be a Baker – follow a recipe to cook up something delicious.
9. Be a Pilot – create the best paper aeroplane and test it!
10. Be Competitive – learn a new card game and play it together.

**Have fun!**



# Online Activities and Ideas



**Home Learning Hub** – [www.cambslearntogether.co.uk/home-learning/hub](http://www.cambslearntogether.co.uk/home-learning/hub)  
The Home Learning Hub is full of FREE activities, ideas and resources for you to try online. There's so much for you to see and do, with resources from the BBC to NASA. A good place to start is the Challenges page. Enjoy!

## Fun activities for you to try from other websites:

- ★ Have fun with your favourite stories, on the **Book Trust** website: [www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/](http://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/)
- ★ There's lots of ideas for children and families on the **Scouts** website, here: <https://www.scouts.org.uk/the-great-indoors>
- ★ Explore scientific ideas through games from the **Science Museum** here: <https://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/games-and-apps>
- ★ Practise your maths skills with games from **Top Marks** here: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games>
- ★ To help look after your child's wellbeing, **Nuffield Health** have activities you can download here: <https://www.nuffieldhealth.com/kidswellbeing>
- ★ **BBC Bitesize** has something for everyone too: [www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize)

These websites and more can be found on the **Home Learning Hub**.

## Online Safety - [www.cambslearntogether.co.uk/home-learning/computing](http://www.cambslearntogether.co.uk/home-learning/computing)

If you would like to find out more information about helping your children to stay safe online, visit the Computing page on the Home Learning Hub. There's lots of useful information all in one place for children and adults.

# Indoor Challenges

## Boggle

How many words can you find using letters that are next to each other?



## Alphabet game

Choose a category (food, animals etc.) and write a list starting with each letter.

A = alligator

B = baboon

C = chameleon

## Board Game

Make your own board game to play with your family. You could make the board with part of a cardboard box or cereal packet.



## Code Words

Make up a secret code with a key (e.g. – A = 1, B = 2 etc. or draw a symbol for each letter). Write a message for a family member or to send to a friend. Don't forget to give them a copy of the key!

## Marvellous menu

Choose a character from a book/film. What sorts of things would they like to eat? Make a menu – describe each dish carefully and draw some pictures to illustrate.



## Film review

Summarise a film you have recently watched. How many stars would you award it out of 5 and why?



## Shape Hunt

Go on a 3D shape hunt around your home. You could record your findings on a tally chart or draw or photograph each shape. Which is the most common shape?



## What's My Number?

Find as many ways as you can to make a number of your choice with objects and on paper.



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# Outdoor Challenges

## Obstacle Course

Set up your own obstacle course using things in your home or garden. How fast can you move around the course? Make an estimate and then test it out.

## Pebble Tower

Make a tower of pebbles. How many pebbles can you balance before it collapses? Which are the best pebbles to use?



## Repeating Patterns

Make a repeating pattern using pebbles, leaves, twigs etc.



## Build a Den

Build a den with objects you find outside. Try different designs. Which is the most stable? What shapes have you created?

## Symmetrical Patterns

Make a symmetrical pattern using stones, leaves and twigs.



## Bug Hunt

Go on a bug hunt. Record your findings with a tally chart. Where do you find the most bugs? Why do you think this is?



## Local Area Map

Draw a map of your local area – this could be your park, garden or street.

Start by drawing the outline then add symbols to show features, like buildings and trees. Create a key to record the symbols you use.

## 2D Shapes

Use sticks or a skipping rope. What 2D shapes can you make on the ground? Draw or photograph each shape you make.



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