

Easter Holiday Ideas

Treasure Hunt

Treasure hunts are great fun and kids love them. If you are feeling enthusiastic then why not write clues and hide them around the house. If you need an easier version then get a simple jigsaw, take all the pieces out and hide them around your house. Simple give your child the box or board and off they go!



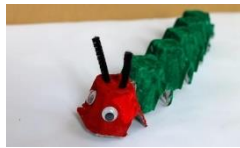
Den Building

Kids love building dens. Help your child to build a den somewhere in your house. Couch cushions and blankets can make great dens. If you have any small tables (coffee table size) they could be tunnels into your den. Give them some soft toys and plastic plates/cups and they will be entertained for ages. Vary the room the den is in to keep this game interesting!



Crafting

Most kids love craft activities but you might find you don't have much in the

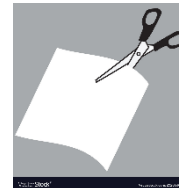


house at the moment. Why not empty your recycling and see what you can make. Egg boxes into caterpillars, cereal boxes into board games or even kitchen roll or toilet roll tubes into a marble run (no marble just scrunch up some paper or foil).



Cutting

My son loves scissors and will happily sit for ages cutting up bits of paper or thin card. If you have any scrap paper or old magazines why not let your children cut them up. N.B. always supervise children when they use scissors.



Cooking

Getting kids involved in cooking can really fill some time. It doesn't need to be anything special why not get them to help you with meal prep. With supervision there are loads of jobs young children can do. Washing fruits or vegetables. Peeling fruit/vegetables - P2 all had a go of using a vegetable peeler during our food topic. Measuring or weighting ingredients. Mixing things together. Just keep it fun and if they get bored let them go. If you need some ideas the BBC good food page has loads <https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/collection/kids-cooking>

Party

Why not help your child to throw a party for one of their toy's. They could wrap up a toy for pass the parcel, make invitations for their other toys, design some decorations and select some party music. You could even make a cake!



Challenge

Kids love a challenge so why not set them one each day. Depending on what you have in your house (duplo, lego, bricks, Tupperware boxes, spaghetti and marshmallows, recycling)

- * Can you build a tower? How high can you make it? Can you make it taller?
- * Can you make a play park? How many different play things can you make?

Indoor Obstacle Course

Using whatever you have - cushions, blankets, small tables, toys. Design a course for your child to go round. Cushions could be stepping stones, a blanket could be a river, tables could be tunnels, stairs could be a mountain, toys could be booby traps which must not be touched. Once your child gets the idea they could have a go at designing one for you too!

Play or Show

Why not get your child to put on a play or show for you. They could decide on a story and use their toys to help them. Or they could make it a talent style show and design different acts. They could make scenery and tickets. You could be the judge.



Cinema at Home

Why not turn your living room into a cinema!



Close all the curtains and turn off the lights. Choose your favourite film, get some snacks and get comfy! We are currently watching

Frozen and Paw Patrol a lot!

Paper and Pencil Games

Check out this website which has 8 different games which only need paper and a pencil.

<https://www.todayparent.com/family/activities/pencil-and-paper-games/#gallery/pencil-and-paper-games-for-kids/slide-1>

Scavenger Hunt

Either make up a list of objects for you child to find e.g. a pencil, a teddy, a sponge, a brick or make up a themed hunt e.g. find 5 things that start with P, find 5 things which are yellow, find 5 things which are soft.



Toy Freeze

Choose a few of your child's toys (that are plastic) pop them in a Tupperware tub and fill it with water. Put the tub in the freezer. The next day get the ice cube with the toys frozen inside and let your child rescue them. They could use spoons to chip away at the ice.



Board Games



Have you got some board games hidden at the back of a cupboard? Why not get them out and teach your child to play them. How about a weekly family game night?



Create A Library Around the House

Dig out books your child hasn't read for a while and put them in unusual places, such as on a pillow or behind a door. You will see that your child will try to find the 'hidden' books, pick them up and read them.



Sensory Bottles

Try making some sensory bottles. They are very good for keeping children calm, relaxed and soothed. All you will need is an empty bottle, something liquid as a base and any small objects that you have, to fill the bottle with (e.g. glitter, beads, rice, pompoms, small rocks, sequins, etc).



Music

You can listen to some different kinds of music, get the children to create dance routines for different songs, sing together, even have a living room disco party! You can play any instruments that you already have at home or make your own ones using junk modelling.



Toy Washing

Let your children wash their plastic (or any other material that is safe to wash) toys. Use a big tub, plastic box, tear-free bubbles, sponges, towels, etc.

