Here are some more activities to do at home during self-isolation. Remember that play is the way children learn new skills, practise and develop existing skills and make sense of their world.

Do not expect your child to maintain focus and interest for too long, stop when they have had enough. Little and often is best. Please change and adapt activities to suit you, your child and circumstances.

I would love to know what you have been up to so far, send me messages or pictures and I will try and include them in your child’s Learning Journey as a record of the unusual times we are living through.

* Keep on reading books with your child and talking about them.
* Encourage them to look at books independently. Send a photo of them reading in an unusual or funny place.
* Thread a pasta necklace (if you have some!). Paint it first. You could try this activity with cut up drinking straws.
* Phone a friend for a chat.
* Raid purses and piggy banks and sort out the coins. Bronze/silver, size, shape, look for the numbers. It is helpful for developing understanding to refer to them as 1penny, 5pennies etc rather than 1p, 5p.
* Find somethings in the house and make a shop. Make a shopping list, this is about making marks or drawing not about formal writing skills. Use the coins to pay for you shopping.
* Keep getting familiar with their name, write it out in large format, cut it up and see if they can arrange it in the right order without any help. Peg the letters onto a washing line.
* Learn a new rhyme, try this one,

What do you suppose?

A bee sat on my nose!

(*land index finger on end of nose)*

Then what do you think?

He gave me a wink.

(*wink one eye)*

And said ‘I beg your pardon,

I thought you were the garden!’

It’s a new rhyme for me to learn too.

* Point out the rhymes, in school we talk about this meaning the words sound the same. Then why not go on a rhyming scavenger hunt!

Find something that rhymes with …

Bee, moon, bear, rock, glue, hose, bug, car, fan, ten.

Add in as many more as you want.

Have fun and please message me if I can help with anything.

Frances