Pontarddulais Primary School
Remote Learning- Week 8 Dens and Darkness

Making a Den's

Children love to explore their creative side, and a den can really be whatever they want it to be! Let them create their own structure, using whatever materials you can offer them to support their creative thinking and spark their imagination. Encourage them to solve problems logically themselves in order to build their den successfully.





Activity 1- Role play

Once their den is built, it's the perfect place to enjoy role play. Children develop an understanding of the world we live in, and learn empathy, through imaginative play. They might act out familiar people or characters from their favourite stories, past events or imaginary scenarios. Their den could be a shop, hospital, restaurant or dragon's den - anything goes! Encourage this. It allows children to test boundaries and experiment with their behaviour and feelings in a safe environment, knowing they won't get in trouble - it's all part of the fun!

Article 28: You have the right to a good quality education and your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities.



Activity 2 Create a relaxing space and let the children nestle down with a book in their own cosy dedicated reading nook. Decorate the den with soft seating and fairy lights to create the ultimate tranquil reading zone, which will encourage children to read.

Ask your child to choose what they'd like to read. They'll feel more interested in the story if they've picked it out themselves.
If you can, turn off the TV, radio and computer. It's easier for both of you to enjoy the story without any other distractions.
Sit close together. You could encourage your child to hold the book themselves and turn the pages, too.
Take a look at the pictures. You don't just have to read the words on the page. Maybe there's something funny in the pictures that you can giggle about together, or perhaps your child enjoys guessing what will happen next.
Ask questions and talk about the book. Picture books can be a great way to talk through your child's fears and worries, or to help them deal with their emotions. Give them space to talk, and ask how they feel about the situations in the story.
Have fun! There's no right or wrong way to share a story – as long as you and your child are having fun. Don't be afraid to act out situations or use funny voices… your little ones will love it!

Activity 3- Dark Number Hunt



First you will need to cover the den and make it as dark as possible. Hide paper numbers/ form numbers in the tent. Send the children in on a number hunt with torches. Once all the numbers are found, ask your child to order them. To extend the game, take a number and hide again. Children have to work out what number has been stolen and find the number in the tent.

Activity 4 – Making a Shadow Puppet

How to make a shadow puppet

1. Choose what type of puppets you want. How about your favourite animal? Or your friends and family? Or a scary ghost?
2. Draw outlines for your puppets on the cardboard and cut them out.
3. Use Sellotape to attach a skewer to the back of each of your puppets.
4. Put the lamp on the floor or on a table. Point it at the wall and turn it on. Turn off other lights and close the curtains.
5. Hold your puppets between the light and the wall. Can you see a shadow on the wall? Move the puppets between the light and the wall to make the shadow different sizes.



