

Starting School Activity Ideas

Have fun reading together. Read books about starting school, traditional tales or your favourite stories.



Go outside and enjoy time in your garden. You could plant a sunflower or sow some tomatoes and watch them grow, visit your local woods or park, or visit a relative.



Enjoy some messy play. Get a large piece of cardboard and a mixture of resources and materials. Then, get creative!
cardboard or paper, range of mark-making tools, eco friendly glitter, sponges (or stampers)



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Go on a number hunt. Take a camera (or a phone) and take photos of any numbers you see. These could be on house doors, car registration plates, in shops, anywhere!
camera

Bake or prepare food together. Follow a set of instructions and make something yummy, such as a cake, biscuits or sausage rolls.
recipe, ingredients, baking equipment



Play a board game together, such as snakes and ladders.
a range of board games



Support and enjoy fine motor activities. You could try putting cereal hoops onto spaghetti or adding food colouring to pipettes for squeezing paint onto paper towels and watching the colours mix together.

pasta, ribbons, spaghetti, cereal hoops, food colouring, pipettes



Build concentration and resilience by enjoying a building kit together.
building kits with larger or smaller building bricks



Learn the letters of your name by copying it with chunky chinks, or water and paintbrushes on the path or patio.
chinks, water, buckets and paintbrushes



Build independence by giving a few responsibilities over the summer, such as looking after a pet, laying the table, helping with dinner or watering the plants.

