

Year R home learning: 'Summer holiday' theme

Match box challenge:

(you could use a small tub instead) Children working on this challenge will need access to small items, e.g. used matches, paper clips, Lego 2-brick pieces, sunflower seeds, blades of grass as well as some items which are too big to fit 20 of them into the matchbox, e.g. pennies, dried chickpeas, acorns, leaves, 6-brick Lego™ pieces, conkers, marbles.

- Explain that the challenge is to find 20 IDENTICAL things to fit in a matchbox. Ask children to look at the items available and discuss which they think will be possible.
- Children choose an item and carefully count out 20, then see if they will fit in the matchbox. Can they fit any more in?
- Children repeat with a different item.

Which item do they think they will need most of to fill the matchbox? And the least?

After initial experience, can children make a sensible estimate of how many of an item will fill the box?

CHALLENGE: Can children fill their box with 20 DIFFERENT things?

Themed activities:

- Design your own flavour of ice cream, set up an ice cream parlour and make a menu.
- Set up your own camp site in the garden.
- Use your imagination and make a seaside in a bottle.
- Make up your own puppet show using cuddly toys. Perform to your family.
- Create your own scavenger hunt.
- Try some summer themed cooking.
- Make your own musical instrument using recycled items.

Maths activities:

1. <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ordering-and-sequencing/coconut-ordering> complete the various coconut shy games
2. Make up a shop and write price labels.
3. There is a whole range of maths themed activity sheets from the Hamilton trust website

https://hamiltontrust-live-b211b12a2ca14cbb94d6-36f68d2.divio-media.net/documents/practice_and_num_R1104.pdf More units available over the summer.

(<https://www.hamilton-trust.org.uk/maths/receptionyear-1-flexible-maths-blocks/>)

4. Oxford owls maths games: <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/kids-activities/fun-maths-games-and-activities/>

Literacy activities:

1. Keep a holiday diary or scrap book of special events.
2. Write a 'bucket list' of summer activities you would like to complete.
3. Send a postcard to a friend or relative.
4. Complete the summer holiday reading challenge. Discuss, list or write about the books you have chosen to read together. Okehampton Library reopens on 20th July
5. Make a list of things you would take to the beach or on a boat trip.
6. Create a holiday brochure for a place you have visited or would like to visit.
7. Create your own A-Z of summer themed items.
8. Don't forget the oxford owl website for e-books and games.

