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Activity of the Week – Game of Stones!

There are so many things to do with stones. This week, when you are out in your garden or going for a walk see how many stones you can collect.

Here are some suggestions for things you could do with the stones you find.

Stone Stacks

Build a tower of stones. Remember to put the bigger stones near the bottom so that the tower doesn't fall down!



Build Stone Men



Stone Men

Could you make people out of stones?
You could make a whole stone family!
These stone men are known as Inuksuk in Canada.

Create your own Rock Band

Find two pebbles and tap them together to create a simple rhythm.

Can you copy somebody else's rhythm?

Can you make different sounds by dropping pebbles into different containers?

Next put small pebbles in a pot to make a shaker. Remember to fix the lid on so your pebbles don't fall out!

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Stone pictures

Make a picture out of stones. Maybe you could leave it in front of your house to make people smile as they walk past!



Pebble Toss

Create a hole or use a bucket. Each player needs 5 stones. Take it in turns to toss a pebble into the hole. Can you count how many stones you got into the hole? The person with the most stones wins.

Treasure Trails

Make a trail of stones that lead to something interesting. Put a little surprise at the end to let others know they've found the spot!

Which Hand?

Hide a pebble in one of your hands. Hold out both fists. Let a friend guess which hand the pebble is in. Take turns and let your friend hide the pebble in one of their hands too.

Returning Rocks

Go for a walk and collect stones. Then go back and try and remember where they all came from!

Pebble Pets

Can you turn your stone into a stone pet? Or make Some Rock Bugs to leave in the garden?



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Pebble painting

Using water and a paintbrush you can decorate the stones, or paint patterns, numbers or letters onto them. This is a never ending activity, because you can start again when the stones are dry!

Some of the ideas have been taken from

- <https://creativestartlearning.co.uk/c/maths-outdoors/>
- momcrieff.com

Here is another idea from Alistair Bryce-Clegg's website

- <https://abcdoes.com/home-learning>

How do you feel?

ABC DOES...

Cut out some eyes, noses and mouths from magazines or leaflets.

If you have some pebbles then stick them on using white glue.

Draw a basic face shape and use the pebbles to make funny faces.

Use the opportunity to talk about feelings.



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Rhyme of the Week – I Can Sing a Rainbow

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/something-special-i-can-sing-a-rainbow>

There are rainbows everywhere at the moment!

Watch the video and join in with the song. You could sing it every time you see a rainbow picture as you walk around.

Make your own rainbow if you haven't already made one yet. Can you make a rainbow with different materials? You could use socks, shoes, scarves, blankets – anything you can find!



Can you go on a Rainbow Scavenger Hunt outside and find all the different colours?

Story of the Week – Elmer the Patchwork Elephant

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZFrD18XLmIM>

Watch this version of the story retold by David McKee who wrote the book.

This story links well with our rainbow song.

Could you disguise yourself so that people don't recognise you?!

Have fun playing and learning together!

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