



# Virtual activity calendar for Easter 2020.





## Boat/Duck Race

Unroll a length of aluminium foil and curl the edges up slightly all the sides and ends. Lay it out on a flat piece of ground and add some water.

Get a few small plastic boats/ducks and some water pistols. Children race the boats/ducks along the foil 'river' by squirting them with their water pistols.

## Making Potions

Grab some plastic bowls and containers, a few spoons, some jugs of water, as many leaves and flowers as you can find and let the kids make magic potions. Add to the fun by including some coloured water and droppers.

## Dinosaur or animal rescue.

Place toy dinosaurs in individual containers with water and freeze. The children can then 'rescue' them from the ice using toy hammers and tools.

This is particularly good for those rare warm days.



# Water based fun!

The activity for today is so simple but it will literally keep them occupied for hours.

All you need are some plastic toys/ cars anything you can find that can go in water. Make the toys dirty in whatever way you like, roll them in mud, compost, paint them it really doesn't matter.

Give them a bowl of warm soapy water an old tooth brush, scrubbing brush, cleaning cloth and just leave them to it. They can put them in the sun to dry or dry them with a tea towel if they are inside.

It's a lovely activity and especially good for their fine motor skills as it helps to strengthen their hand muscles and helps in turn to improve their pencil grip. If you've got an old paintbrush they like to then paint everything with the remaining water!

# FUN Scavenger Hunt!



**What will you find today?!**

**Can you find?...**

- 1. Something prickly**
- 2. Something soft**
- 3. Something shiny**
- 4. Something yellow**
- 5. Something round**
- 6. Something heart-shaped**
- 7. Something bendy**
- 8. Something that makes you smile!**
- 9. Something unnatural**
- 10. A seed**
- 11. A spiral**
- 12. Something that makes you smile!**

## Outdoor Fun ideas.

### Outdoor play.

For practical ideas for outdoor learning and play visit [www.creativestarlearning.co.uk](http://www.creativestarlearning.co.uk)

### Scavenger Hunt ideas.

Write out your name using your finds from the scavenger Hunt.

You could lay them out as a trail for your brother/sister or parents to follow.

You could also collect items like leaves, twigs and flowers to make pictures.

### Woodland Trust

The Woodland Trust have created 10 nature activities for kids if you are self-isolating at home. Please visit the website for more information.

[www.woodlandtrust.org.uk](http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk)

# Craft ideas.

## The Egg Factor competition

Easter art competition for children and young people. Closing date Tuesday 14th April 10am.

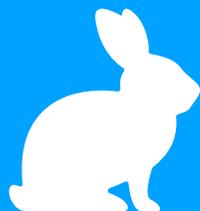
Full details available at [shorturl.at/ejkFN](http://shorturl.at/ejkFN)



Visit [www.anthonyherreradesigns.com](http://www.anthonyherreradesigns.com) for printable templates.

## Easter Craft Activities

For lots of colouring pages and activity sheets visit



[www.activityvillage.co.uk](http://www.activityvillage.co.uk)



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# AT HOME ACTIVITIES



### 1. Ocean sensory bin

(water, blue food coloring, ocean animals)

### 2. Toy Car Wash

(toy cars, water, soap, sponge, wash cloth)

### 3. Baking soda and vinegar experiment

(baking soda, vinegar, food coloring)

### 4. Make slime

(glue, baking soda, lens solution, food coloring)

### 5. Color mixing with colored ice cubes

(ice cube tray, food coloring, water)

### 6. Make rainbow rice

(rice, food coloring, vinegar)

### 7. Make & paint with puffy paint

(white glue, food coloring/paint)

### 8. Make color mixing bags

(plastic bag, water, food coloring, glitter)

### 9. Salt painting

(paper, permanent marker, salt, food coloring)

### 10. Free the frozen animals

(water, toy animals)

### 11. Bubble prints

(water, soap, food coloring, straw, paper)

### 12. Rain cloud experiment

(water, shaving cream, liquid watercolors)

### 13. Clean the baby dolls

(baby dolls, water, soap, towel)

### 14. Make sensory bottles

(water bottle, water, glue, food coloring, glitter)

### 15. Make ice paint

(water, ice cube tray, popsicle sticks)

### 16. Ice painting

(ice, paint)

### 17. Target practice with spray bottles

(Paper, tape, spray bottles, water, paint)

### 18. Citrus sensory bin

(old orange/lemon, water, food coloring)

### 19. Toy wash

(plastic toys, water, soap, sponge, towel)

### 20. Dance party with flash lights

(music, flash lights, dance moves)

### 21. Create an obstacle course

(Items from around the house)

### 22. Color bath

(liquid water colors or food coloring, water)

### 23. Paint the bath/shower walls

(washable paint, paint brushes)

### 24. Decorate a cardboard box

(cardboard box, anything you want to decorate with)

### 25. Black water scavenger hunt

(water, black food coloring, things to find)

### 26. Play foam sensory bin

(soap, water, food coloring, blender)

### 27. Giant coloring page

(roll of paper, black crayon, water color paint)

### 28. Pom pom soup

(pom poms, water)

### 29. Dot the rainbow

(paper, markers, dot markers or stickers)

### 30. Make & play with cloud dough

(Flour, oil, food coloring)

## Cooking Challenge - Simple Biscuits

With ingredients being pretty difficult to get your hands on at the moment, this basic biscuit recipe only requires 3 ingredients - flour, sugar and butter.

If you have measuring cups (or want to improvise) children will love being fully involved, and it should keep them engaged for longer.

### Ingredients

100g (1/2 cup) Butter

50g (1/4 cup) Caster Sugar

150g (1 1/4 cups) self raising flour

Vanilla essence if you have it.

Follow the visual guide opposite and bake at 180C / 160c fan oven for 12 to 15 minutes.

Full instructions are available at:

[www.cookingwithmykids.co.uk/fork-biscuits/](http://www.cookingwithmykids.co.uk/fork-biscuits/)

Happy baking!!



# Apps for iPads & Tablets

The apps can be downloaded for free from the [Apple App Store](https://www.apple.com/uk/app-store/). In most cases there will be Android equivalents. Most will be suitable for children and young people with additional needs, but we would suggest that you test the app first to see if it's suitable for your individual child's needs.

You can download printable cards to enable your child/young person to select. Visit <https://www.disability-grants.org/ipad-apps-for-sen.html> for more details.



Jigsaw Bug



Splatter



Four in a row



Talking Tom Cat



Kaleido



My Colouring Book



Finger Paint Magic



Safari Animals—sounds and Info



Talking Ben the Dog



Talking Pierre the Parrot



handPaint



Finger Paint



Angry Birds



Magic Jigsaw



Garage Band



Instant Button



Live Butterflies



Heat Pad

# Music and Story ideas

## Story Time

The story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears with Makaton Signing.

Dawn House School will be uploading daily Makaton stories.

[shorturl.at/bfqDK](https://shorturl.at/bfqDK)

## Music Time

Singing Hands UK provide great songs to sing and sign along to.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/SingingHandsUK>

## Music with Myleene Klass

Fun daily music classes on Youtube.

10am daily

[shorturl.at/kIBL4](https://shorturl.at/kIBL4)

## Change 4 Life

Visit the change 4 Life website for lots of ideas on dance activities for children.

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/activities/sports-and-activities/dancing>

## David Walliams

David Walliams is publishing free audio books for children every day at 11am. To access these visit: <https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses-catch-up/>

## Oliver Jeffers

Oliver Jeffers is reading books for children on his website via video link. You can access them at: <https://www.oliverjeffers.com/books#/abookaday/>. The website also contains a lot free downloadable activities based on the books.

## Library books

The library may be closed but you can still access books virtually. For full details of how to access this visit: <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries-leisure-and-communities/libraries/>

## Oxford Owl for Home

Oxford Owl provides lots of free books for children on line at [www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/)

# Virtual zoo visits

We know that a lot of families enjoy visiting the zoo with the Community Inclusion and Activity team, using the teams passes or under the Max card scheme.

During this time zoo's are closed but the following zoo's are offer access to the animals via webcam.

[Marwell Zoo](#) - flamingos and photo webcams of the lemurs, giraffes and penguins - with images updating every 30 seconds or so.

[Edinburgh Zoo](#) – amazing webcams of Yang Guang the panda, penguins, tigers and koalas

[Dublin Zoo](#) – webcams of elephants, penguins, giraffes, zebra and rhinos.

[Chester Zoo](#) – over 50 amazing activities for all thing's animals, science and conservation.

[Paignton Zoo](#) - live webcams of flamingos, macaques and meerkats

[The Wildlife Trust](#) in Cumbria has a badger cam – best to watch at dusk.

[Folly Farm](#) in Pembrokeshire - watch goats, sheep and newborn lambs from their barn cam.

[San Diego Zoo](#) has live webcams of penguins, giraffes, baboons, apes,

[Explore.org](#) - large number of live cams including African animals in their natural habitat

[Zoo Victoria](#) - five live streams from Melbourne Zoo and Werribee Open Range Zoo showing penguins, snow leopards, giraffes, lions and zebras.

[Zoo Miami](#) - live web cam of its Meerkats exploring their den



# Aquariums

[Clearwater Marine Aquarium \(USA\)](#) - 10 water cams showing dolphins, turtles, pelicans and otters.

[Monterey Bay Aquarium \(USA\)](#) - ten webcams to help you experience the wonder of the ocean.

[The Aquarium of the Pacific \(USA\)](#) - live webcams placed inside some of the aquariums exhibits including penguins, sharks, sea jellies and fish.

[Reef Cam](#) - underwater live feed of Port Phillip Bay, Australia. The camera is solar powered only operates during local daylight hours.

[Oregon Coast Aquarium](#) - live cams of sharks, seabirds and otters.

Thanks to disability grants for providing this list on their website.



## Explore

The Explore's website has 100's of webcams from around the world that share live footage and pre-recorded footage of animals, space, oceans etc. Different cameras are active at different times of the day but hopefully you will be able to find something to interest your child or young person. You can access all of the camera's free at:

<https://explore.org/livecams>.

# Museum and Natural Wonders

## The Science Museum

The Science Museum's world-class collection forms an enduring record of scientific, technological and medical achievements from across the globe.

The Science Museum provides virtual tours of 10 of its exhibits which can be accessed at:

[shorturl.at/jpqRS](https://shorturl.at/jpqRS)

## The Van Gogh Museum

The Van Gogh Museum houses the largest collection of artworks by Vincent van Gogh (1853-1890) in the world. The permanent collection includes over 200 paintings by Vincent van Gogh, 500 drawings and more than 750 letters. history which can be accessed at:

[shorturl.at/DMOPX](https://shorturl.at/DMOPX)

## Nasa Langley Research Centre

Explore the centre with the use of an interactive map, pictures and videos. The virtual tour which can be accessed at:

<https://oh.larc.nasa.gov/oh/>

## The National Museum of Natural History

The museum has a wide range of exhibits which can be accessed virtually online at their website.can be accessed at:

<https://naturalhistory.si.edu/visit/virtual-tour>

## The Great Wall of China

As China's most famous attraction, the Great Wall of China is an essential stop on a virtual tour. Commonly considered a wonder of the world, the Great Wall boasts a history of over 2,000 years and stretches more than 3,000 miles across several provinces of northern China, making it one of the most impressive ancient structures on the planet. Access the virtual tour at:

<https://www.thechinaguide.com/destination/>

## The British Museum

The **British Museum**, is dedicated to human history, art and culture. Its permanent collection of some eight million works is among the largest and most comprehensive in existence,<sup>[3]</sup> having been widely sourced during the era of the British Empire. It documents the story of human culture from its beginnings to the present. Access the virtual tour at:

<https://britishmuseum.withgoogle.com>

# Teen Zone

# VIRTUAL YOUTH CLUB

Young Somerset

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@YOUNGSOMERSET AND TUNE IN EACH

DAY TO OUR LIVE GAMES,  
CHALLENGES, CHATS AND MORE!



MONDAY/3PM



STARTING THE WEEK OFF WITH 'MONDAY  
FUNDAY! GET DRAWN INTO OUR LIVE  
GUESSING GAME WITH LYDIA!

TUESDAY/3PM

IT'S TIME FOR OUR 'CHALLENGE CHRIS!  
CAN YOU KEEP UP WITH  
COMPETITIVE CHRIS?



THURSDAY/3PM

FETCH YOUR LAB COAT, 'PROFESSOR  
JOHNSON' IS ABOUT - SHE'LL BE PUTTING  
SCIENCE TO THE TEST!

WEDNESDAY/4:30PM

GET YOUR IMAGINATIVE IDEAS FLOWING  
IN OUR 'CREATIVITY WITH CHARLIE'  
WORKSHOP!



FRIDAY/3PM

HURRAY IT'S FRIDAY AND DJ BROOKES IS  
IN THE HOUSE! IT'S TIME TO LEARN SOME  
'BEATS WITH BROOKES!'

## Hogwarts Digital Escape Room

The Youth services Librarian at Peters Township Public Library in McMurray have created a free Harry Potter themed escape room.

You can complete the escape room as a group or as an individual. The escape room includes links to clips and images from the films.

Access the room at: [shorturl.at/ehKM3](https://shorturl.at/ehKM3)

## Online quizzes and escape rooms

Some of our families have an Alexa app which has a variety of games, quizzes and escape rooms which can be accessed for free.



Examples include:

Question of the day  
True or false  
Song quiz



# Film and tv quiz answers

1. The Simpsons
2. Super Mario Bros.
3. Batman
4. Tin Tin
5. Dexter's Laboratory
6. Wallace and Gromit
7. Family Guy
8. Tom and Jerry
9. Toy Story
10. Flintstones
11. Deadpool
12. Despicable Me
13. South Park
14. Pinky and the Brain
15. Futurama
16. Dangermouse
17. Mickey and Minnie Mouse
18. Bugs Bunny
19. Star Wars
20. Star Trex

## Parents and Carers

There is lots of information available for parents on the following website which may be useful.

### The Local Offer

### Support Services for Education

### Somerset Parent Carer Forum

The following organisations are offering virtual support and activities for parents, please check their website or social media pages for details.

ADHD Yeovil  
Bridgwater Parent support group  
Bibic  
Contact  
Escape  
Somerset Parent Carer Forum  
Ups and Downs



## Somerset SENDIAS During COVID-19

Somerset SENDIAS have developed contingency measures to ensure that the service remains open and available to all families over the coming weeks and months during the COVID-19 disruption.

### Information

& resources  
always available on

[www.somersetseidias.gov.uk](http://www.somersetseidias.gov.uk)  
[www.contact.org.uk](http://www.contact.org.uk)  
[www.ipsea.org.uk](http://www.ipsea.org.uk)

### Advice

within 48 hours via email  
[somersetseidias@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:somersetseidias@somerset.gov.uk)  
or telephone  
01823 355578

### Support

by a SENDIAS  
team member  
via telephone and email  
for your individual  
situation