

HOME START

Butser

As we are all aware things are so different at the moment and, as a result, the type of support we at Home-Start Butser are giving is different too. If there is anything that you would like us to do more of or there is something else you need please let us know and we will do our best to help.

If you would like to pass on your positive experiences or a lockdown 'TopTip' to us and other families, please send these in to office@homestart-butser.org.uk so we can share it for you in future newsletters - sharing experiences can really bring us together and support one another.

If you have any comments or anything you wish to share with us, that you would be happy for us to show staff, volunteers or funders, please contact us on office@homestart-butser.org.uk or 01730 233755.

Connect To Support Hampshire

Connect To Support Hampshire have a very useful online directory for support services: <https://www.connecttosupporthampshire.org.uk/s4s/WhereILive/Council?pageId=3491>

Busy Toddler

Busy Toddler has put together 40 activities suitable for toddlers, often using bits you may have around your home, from rice and pasta to laundry baskets! Follow this link <https://busytoddler.com/2016/11/40-super-easy-toddler-activities/>



South Western Railway

South Western Railway have created an activity pack for children, including lots of puzzles, a maze and colouring! Follow this link <https://www.southwesternrailway.com/fun-things-to-do-at-home-with-the-kids>



Animal Webcams

Country Living have listed the details and links to some amazing live streams of animals from around the world. These include badgers in Cumbria, penguins in San Diego, and pandas at Edinburgh Zoo! Follow this link <https://www.countryliving.com/uk/wildlife/countryside/g31784857/live-animal-webcam-zoo/>

Ideas on making a book

Simple paper or card book – Using A4 paper or card, take two or more sheets and fold them in two. You can staple or sew the sheets together.

Shaped book – Fold a piece of A4 card and draw the desired outline shape (e.g. a car, a spider's web, a sandcastle) on one half, then cut it out. Fold at least two sheets of A4 paper in half and place them inside the shaped card. Trace the outline of the shaped card onto the paper inside, and then cut out the A4 paper so that the inside pages of the book are the same shape as the cover.

Lift-up flaps – To make a lift-up flap, cut out a piece of paper that is a bit bigger than what you want to cover. Fold-down a strip about 1cm wide along with one of the edges, and glue this to the page to make a flap.

What to put in your book:

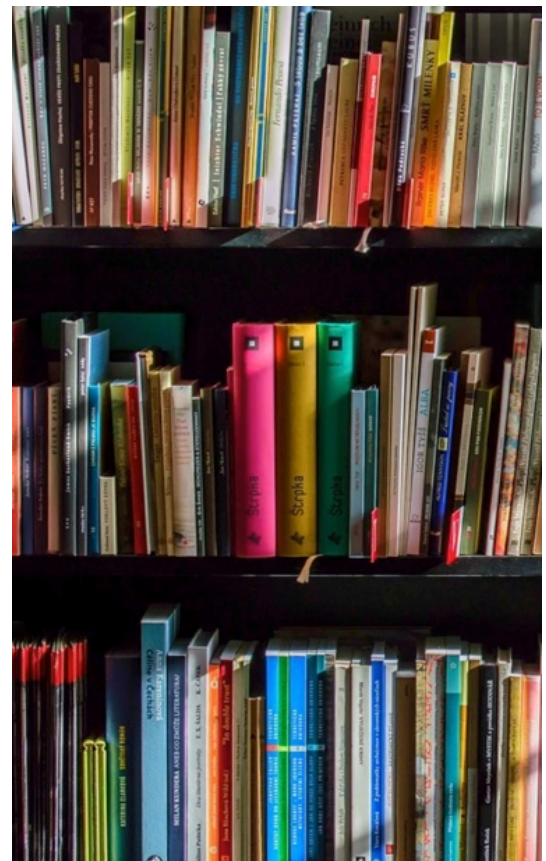
'All about me' book – You can include name, age and birthday, family, pets, things I like, favourite toys.

Routine book – A personalised book about the child's own daily routine.

Colour book – You can decide on a single colour for your book or use a different colour for each page. You can draw pictures or stick in magazine cuttings.

Cookery book – A book of your favourite things to eat.

Collection book – Re-tell and illustrate favourite stories.



The Literacy Trust

The Literacy Trust Family Zone is full of activities and ideas to keep your child busy at home, whilst benefiting their reading, writing and language development. You can select an age group to find suitable resources for your child. Follow this link <https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/>.



Cloud Dough

Cloud dough is simple to make and can bring hours of fun!

750g Cornflour
500ml Cheap scented hair conditioner

Mix these two ingredients together well in a bowl. If it feels a bit too sticky, add some more cornflour. If it feels a bit too crumbly, add some more conditioner. You can add food colouring to make it different colours!

You can use cloud dough with rolling pins, stampers and cutters. It can last a few weeks if stored in an airtight container when not in use.