



Care
Curiosity
Determination

Autumn activities



Make your mark

Get creative and make your mark. Use paint, crayons or chalks. Make spots, circles, lines and handprints. Encourage your child to tell you all about their drawing.

Words you can use:

draw crayon pens colour

shapes lines dots words

Tell me about your picture...

Your child will enjoy drawing freely and will want to tell you about their picture. Talk to them about the marks they have made. Maybe there are special people in their picture, or their marks may represent their name. You can draw alongside your child and talk about the marks you are making - up, down, round and round, side to side.



Build a tower

Find different shaped blocks, books, boxes, toys, cushions, plastic cups or anything your child wants to build a big wobbly tower together!

Words you can use:

tall fall tower build tumble

high circles square corner stack highest

How tall is your tower?

Your child will learn about shapes and how they can be used to build with. You can talk about and explore 2D and 3D shapes like circles, rectangles or triangles using mathematical words like sides, corner, straight, flat or round. Encourage your child to talk about these shapes and how and why they are different.



Junk models

Collect cereal packets, cardboard tubes, empty containers, plastic bottles or any kind of junk you have at home. Use paints, glue, sticky tape or glitter to create your junk model.

Words you can use:

make box castle tube cardboard

create join paint balance

What's your model called?

Children enjoy exploring different shapes and textures. Ask your child what they want to create and let them develop their own ideas before offering suggestions. As they build their creations, allow your child to experiment with how to join different items together, using a wide range of materials.



Museum of Making

Visit the Museum of Making and celebrate Derby's 300-year history of making things in exhibitions and galleries. There's lots for all the family and some special events too.

Words you can use:

look old new explore find

history past present sounds

What is your favourite machine?

Your child will be able to investigate how things work. Look at the enormous Rolls-Royce Trent engine in the entrance and talk about how it makes aeroplanes fly! Or find the old telephone switchboard and talk about how phones used to have cables. Your child will be fascinated to see how things work and how machines have changed over time.



Write a letter

Write a letter or draw a picture to someone special. Talk about the letter or picture, what did it say and why is this person special? If you want, post it to them.

Words you can use:

picture draw letter post

envelope address postbox stamp

Who is your letter for?

Your child will enjoy drawing and writing a letter to someone special. Talk to your child about what they have drawn and if it has a meaning and why the special person will like it. They will start to develop their small muscle coordination and be confident using a wide range of utensils such as chalk, smaller brushes, pencils and pens.



Jumping autumn

Grab your coat and wellies. Go outdoors to splash in muddy puddles. Collect fallen leaves, jump, run and scatter them about! Try the park equipment to practice climbing.

Words you can use:

climb muddy jump run

splash balance under over

What is your favourite way to move?

Once your child has started to move, they will enjoy practicing their skills and become more confident. Outside they can try out new ways of moving. Try jumping in a puddle then making some footprint, or experiment with climbing and balancing. Your child will learn to develop overall body-strength, balance, coordination and agility.