

Easter holiday 'Stay at home ideas'

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We all need to be like this little piggy over the holiday... so here are some ideas to help keep our wonderful Crackley Hall children busy at home!

Please note that any website links should be explored with adults, as some have a range of advertising which may pop up. We have been unable to explore the full content of every link but hope many of the ideas are useful.

Don't forget that in some ways, this holiday is just like any other.... so keep reading and practising your phonics, and keep going over your number bonds and multiplication tables.

Spiritual enrichment ideas – suitable for all	
1)	https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy Free downloads for children to follow the gospel theme each Sunday; they have an accompanying activity sheet too. There are also worksheets, prayers, films and activities to support home learning. Parental registration enables sign up for a virtual liturgy too.
2)	Make a palm cross – try to find a suitable 'palm' replacement in your garden, or you can use a long strip of paper. http://therecycledcatholic.blogspot.com/2016/03/how-to-make-palm-cross.html . Decorate your cross with messages of love.
3)	Paint and decorate your own Easter Eggs, and pop them all in a basket or hang them on an Easter tree. Spend the rest of the holiday admiring them!
4)	Make Easter cards and bring a smile to the faces of friends, family, and people in your neighbourhood – especially if they live alone. cafod.org.uk/childrensliturgy
5)	Explore Easter activities, which keeps Christ at the centre of all that you do. https://www.pinterest.co.uk/whereyouRcalled/christ-centered-easter-activities/
6)	Make a simnel cake and write about what it symbolises. https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/recipes/simnelcake_792

Community ideas – many people are alone at this difficult time. You can make a difference...	
1)	Clap for our carers and key workers! It looks like this is going to become a regular event.
2)	Write a postcard to your friends or an elderly relative – or even drop a card through a neighbour's door, if you know they live alone.
3)	Bake and deliver a cake to someone who lives on their own. (Remember to walk!)
4)	Bake and deliver a cake to staff at a local care-home or hospital. A small act to say 'thank you'.
5)	Stuck for ideas - have a look here: https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/coronavirus/random-acts-kindness
6)	Make a 'tree of kindness' and log all the things you do whilst we are in 'lockdown' which help others AND make YOU feel better too. Remember that giving is more gratifying than receiving.

Any aged children may enjoy these ideas	
1)	This is a 30-day Lego Challenge with a free printable calendar which parents can hang up and children can complete. Each day a specific Lego challenge is presented. Website is freehomeschooldeals.com
2)	Links to a wide range of famous museums offering virtual tours. https://www.travelandleisure.com/attractions/museums-galleries/museums-with-virtual-tours
3)	Free printable scavenger hunt lists, for indoors and in the garden. https://www.fantasticfunandlearning.com/free-printable-scavenger-hunts-for-kids.html

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4) A great site that gives ideas for window art (the most recent one being rainbows). https://www.windowwanderland.com/ You could also see how many different ways you can create your rainbows of hope! Chalk-it on your drive, make a rainbow cake, make a pom-pom rainbow, make rainbow flowers for your window – can you do it ten different ways and photograph them? Send your rainbows to your teacher after the holiday.
5) Free audio books for children. https://stories.audible.com/start-listen
6) Use Lego as stampers to create your own art. https://www.powerfulmothering.com/lego-stamping-activity/
7) Daily live doodling tutorials with artist Mo Willems. https://www.kennedy-center.org/education/mo-willems/
8) Free online maths resources from Carol Vorderman (KS1 and above). https://www.themathsfactor.com/
9) Sign up for new online resources from Playbox Theatre in Warwick. 'Playbox Dreamtime' daily online bedtime stories coming soon, read by Playbox alumni including Sophie Turner. https://www.playboxtheatre.com/
10) Nature activities from the Woodland Trust. https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2020/03/kids-nature-activities-self-isolation/?utm_campaign=2627540_b04_13872_Mar20_charter_enews_20200310&utm_medium=email&utm_source=woodlandtrust&MailingCode=C19CHSE01&dm_i=2D76,1KBF8,8ZN9SY,5AIQ0,1
11) Think, create and make with Tinkercad. https://www.tinkercad.com/
12) Plant sunflower seeds, record their height as they grow – taking weekly measurements. On our return to school let your form teacher know the height of your tallest sunflower! (and don't forget to take a photo of you by it too!) – this project can last through the Trinity Term.
13) Create a family tree, some ideas for formats suggested. https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/498281146249424947/
14) Make an assault course in the garden.
15) Make up challenges such as those from the tv program 'The Cube'. One example...throwing an item into a basket from a certain distance, play for prizes or privileges.
16) Follow the story of a resident osprey pair live from the heart of an ancient Caledonian pine forest. Link from the Woodland Trust https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/trees-woods-and-wildlife/osprey-cam/?utm_campaign=2627540_b04_13872_Mar20_charter_enews_20200310&utm_medium=email&utm_source=woodlandtrust&MailingCode=C19CHSE01&dm_i=2D76,1KBF8,8ZN9SY,5AIQ0,1
17) STEM experiments to do at home. https://4-h.org/parents/stem-agriculture/youth-stem-activities/
18) Free online music classes with Myleene Klass. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8XXmBITadys#myleenesmusicclass
19) Explore more outdoor ideas on the Learning Through Landscapes website. http://www.ltl.org.uk/free-resources/... and here are some ideas to get you started: https://www.ltl.org.uk/resources/get-it-sorted/ https://www.ltl.org.uk/resources/sensory-inspiration/ https://www.ltl.org.uk/resources/sticky-crown/ https://www.ltl.org.uk/resources/buddhism-outdoors/ https://www.ltl.org.uk/resources/cloud-gazing/ https://www.ltl.org.uk/resources/things-with-string/ https://www.ltl.org.uk/resources/story-stick/ https://www.ltl.org.uk/resources/puddle-potential/ https://www.ltl.org.uk/resources/whos-been-framed/ https://www.ltl.org.uk/resources/tipi-for-teddy/

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| 20) Make a tent with sheets and pegs (or a den in your bedroom if it's miserable weather). |
| 21) Make sock puppets! Cut up old clothing to make accessories and tou puppets' features! |
| 22) Paint rocks with nail varnish or paint and then hide them on your walk out. See if they are still there the next day / the next week! |
| 23) Learn how to draw a unicorn (and other things).
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r6cJI89axqY |
| 24) Explore a host of ideas and activities on the British Science week website – you can try some at home or in the garden https://www.britishtscienceweek.org/plan-your-activities/ |

Younger children may enjoy these ideas

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| 1) Celebrities read stories suitable for younger children. https://www.storylineonline.net/ |
| 2) A selection of fun games that young children may enjoy.
https://thenewdaily.com.au/life/wellbeing/2020/03/23/coronavirus-lockdown-kids-games/ |
| 3) An award-winning free desktop reading game (payable on the App), using cartoon monsters in games to help reinforce phonics.
https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/about-the-game/why-is-it-free |
| 4) Smithsonian web page detailing the ‘Apollo Moon Shot’ app which uses VR to create the surface of the moon. https://www.smithsonianchannel.com/shows/apollos-moon-shot/1005833 |
| 5) Get a selection of toys and objects from around the house. Price them up and play shops! Feeling adventurous... label them in a foreign language! |
| 6) Make a giant snakes and ladders game in your garden, then play it! |

Older children may enjoy these ideas

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| 1) Junior 6 – Build a model of a WW1 trench. It can be made of anything - Lego, card, craft...even a cake. Google ideas. Once complete, use your English skills to write an explanation of the following parts of the trench: sandbags, barbed wire, dugout, duckboards, ammunition shelf and fire step. Attach your responses to the model or write about them separately. Photograph your work and submit to your history teacher at the end of the holiday. |
| 2) Garden sports challenges – make a slalom out of things you have in the garden. Throwing and catching of a wall (you can do this in pairs, with one behind the other so that it becomes a reaction game. Pass and move using the slalom and the wall (football). |
| 3) Learn a dance routine – film your performance and send it to your teacher! |
| 4) Sock game – fill 2-6 (or more) big socks with identical items. Take it in turns to discreetly pull one item out and describe it. You're not allowed to say the name of the item. Other people race to see how quickly they can find the item, without |
| 5) Play word association games. |
| 6) A - Treasure hunt – write lists of identical items around the house (each list to have a different order). It's a race to see who can find all of the items first.
B - Treasure hunt – Use newspaper or old Christmas paper to wrap mystery objects. This is a skill to be able to use scissors and tape to wrap. Then ask others in the family to try and guess the parcel. |
| 7) Complete a 1000 piece jigsaw puzzle |
| 8) Play board games stashed away in your bedroom! Some are probably still brand new! |
| 9) Make a meal for everyone at home – add an extra twist by having a ‘world’ themed cuisine menu each time – Indian, Italian, Moroccan. Plan the menu, calculate the cost per person and then cook up a Master Chef meal for everyone to enjoy. |
| 10) Cook with Jamie Oliver https://www.jamieoliver.com/features/category/get-kids-cooking/ |
| 11) Find a practical geography project to complete at https://www.3dgeography.co.uk/ |

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| 12) Here are a few fun writing resources to download. Some of the children will have already completed a few in class, but why not try some others?
https://www.tes.com/teaching-resource/my-lunch-is-alive-ks2-creative-writing-resource-6356974 |
| 13) Explore Easter in Mandarin - see what you can find out! |
| 14) Write a general knowledge quiz for the whole family. |
| 15) Elevenses with David Walliams https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses/ |
| 16) Maths with Carol Vorderman https://www.themathsfactor.com/ |
| 17) Make a shadow puppet theatre https://www.kidspot.com.au/things-to-do/activity-articles/make-a-shadow-puppet-theatre/news-story/d9ed634b2e68caea28c52c263771a400 |