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This year, the theme for Mental Health Week for children is 'Express Yourself'. Please find below a menu of options that you could do at home to embrace the theme 'Express Yourself'. There are two choices to choose from in each section. The sections have been selected based on their proven benefits to Mental Health for adults and children alike.

On Friday 5th February, the children in school will be invited to dress up in the theme 'Dress to Express'. We would love our home learners to be involved in this too! Why not dress up at home in a way that allows you to Express Yourself- the more expressive the better! If you do take part, we would love to see a picture- please send to adminoffice@heathfield.hants.sch.uk when you are 'Dressed to Express!'

Please find below a link for parents and carers with more information.

https://www.place2be.org.uk/our-services/parents-and-carers/coronavirus-wellbeing-activity-ideas-for-families/

Have fun!

Outdoors and Nature







Outdoors

and nature

Nature I Spy - see activity sheet below

Make a bird feeder - see below for recipe

Mindful walks, walking in green, open spaces and fresh air helps boost mood. Link shows walks in under 60 minutes around Fareham and Gosport.

https://www.familiesonline.co.uk/local/farehamgosport/in-the-know/beautiful-walks-in-under-60-minutes-around-fareham-and-gosport



Physical Exercise





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10 Minute Shake Up games

Change4Life and Disney have some play-along games inspired by favourite Disney and Pixar characters. These 10-minute bursts of fun will really get children moving and count towards the 60 active minutes they need every day! https://www.nhs.uk/10-minute-shake-up/shake-ups

https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006mvsc

Arts and Crafts



Art and Craft

Painting is a fun, messy, absorbing, colourful, sensory and liberating activity - no wonder children enjoy it so much. Here are just a few ideas:

1. Finger painting

Fingers, hands and feet (for the ultimate sensory painting experience)

2. Sponges and rollers

Use sponges and rollers to give different effects.

3. Stamps

Use either bought stamps (e.g. foam printing sets), or homemade stamps (eg carved potatoes) or natural stamps (e.g. pine cones, leaves)

4. Bubble wrap

Have fun with the different effect that bubble wrap can create, use it to paint fish scales or add textures.

5. Rolling toys

Marbles, toy cars and other things you can roll around (top tip: put your paper in a tray or plastic lid)

Support your children with expressing themselves

Dance and sing with Boogie Beebies. Have fun with

different themes, including Hey Monkey, Do the



Boogie Beebies

Dino, Fruit and Vegetables.



masks

apple collage







music shaker



animals



Sensory Experiences



Making sensory bottles is a fun art and craft activity. Once made, they make a great a sensory resource which can help children to calm. This link shows how to make them with a range of ingredients.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D7zp7KbxbKY



Making playdough doesn't have to be complicated- here is a 'No cook' recipe using body lotion which makes it smell and feel amazing; https://www.thebestideasforkids.com/cloud-dough/



Make bubble foam using tear free bubble bath, food colouring, water & a hand mixer. Mix 1/2 cup water + 1/4 cup bubble bath for each batch, add food colouring and mix with a hand mixer, until the mixture stiffens, like whipping cream.





I can Cook- kids Craft Channel on You Tube Also see below for some recipe ideas. Cooking https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xPh4sCWb8_ Plus we have more recipes on our school website. Cooking Spending time with your child, especially when they get to Using technology **Being Together** lead the activities, can result in them generally feeling more Arrange a video call on Zoom or Whatsapp with settled, less stressed and more secure. someone who Why not play a favourite game? or get cosy and watch a you haven't seen in a while that you miss. Technology together favourite movie together? Beina can be a good substitute for face-to-face contact at the moment. Healthy sleep tips for children: https://www.nhs.uk/live- Story Massage Rest and well/sleep-and-tiredness/healthy-sleep-tips-for-children/ Relaxation and Relaxation Massage can be relaxing and help us to be still and quiet. Story massage can be great to help us listen to the story and have a massage at the same time. Below are some free examples of how to complete



story massage, and there are lots more on the website too. https://www.storymassage.co.uk/free-story-massageresources/ https://www.storymassage.co.uk/old-macdonald-had-afarm/ Old McDonald had a farm https://www.storymassage.co.uk/hickory-dickory-dock/ Hickory Dickory Dock https://www.storymassage.co.uk/five-little-speckled-frogs/ 5 Speckled frogs Make a musical instrument: Drawing to music Music and Drawing/mark making to music- choose a piece of emotions music and your child can free draw in response to paper plate castanet this. Music can be picked with an emotion in mindsome examples below. Music and emotions Yellow- Excitement- Flight of the Bumblebee https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M93aXQWaBdE Fear- In the Hall of the Mountain King https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gSY-wD4l5DM

Have some fun playing along to your favourite music, or make

your own music!

Blue- sad https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SWZ4uXERcJk

Green- Can Can https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MQiHzXZsxQo

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gsoBpBuhb5o

Green- Joy- Turkish March



Emotions and stories





https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/pshe-earlyyears-foundation-stage-ks1-feeling-better/zm2st39



A collection of clips presented by Dr Radha Moghil that explore a whole range of feelings and emotions, as well as providing talking points and tools to feel better.

Stories are powerful tools that can help children make sense of different feelings. Below are some examples of stories that can help your child navigate feelings and experiences, including joy, anger, sadness, and fear. https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/havesome-fun/storybooks-and-games/owl-babies/ Owl Babies

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