

MONDAY. LOCAL AREA MAP

Possible Materials

- Roll of paper, pens, crayons, paint sticks.
- Toy cars and people.
- Clip board.

Introduction

Go for a walk around your local neighbourhood. Look at the houses and gardens as well as any local businesses. Discuss the purpose of different buildings/areas and their role within the community.

* If you are unable to leave your house try to find images of your local area online.

- Spot house numbers. Can you find number...? Are these odd or even numbers? Can you spot a pattern?
- Take photographs of different buildings or take a clipboard and sketch your favourite building.

Activity

Create a big map of your local area. You can cut a long piece from a roll of brown or white paper, use the back of some wrapping paper, a large piece of cardboard or sheets of paper taped together. Use whatever drawing materials you have to create roads, buildings etc.

- Can you add details from the buildings you saw on your walk? (signs, house numbers etc). Are there street names, roundabouts, zebra crossings you can add?
- Use Street View on Google maps to take a virtual walk around your local area. Compare this to an aerial view.
- Use toy cars and figures to bring your map to life.

TUESDAY. WINDOW ART GALLERY

Own Choice of Art Materials

Introduction

Go to each room of your house and look out of the windows. What can you see?

- Are there people outside? Where might they be going? Can you see houses? Do you know the people who live in them?
- Open some windows and listen for sounds or play a game of eye spy.

Activity

Create a piece of art to place in a window of your house so that people in your community will see it as they walk by. You can add to this 'window gallery' over time.

- What could we draw to make people feel happy? What colours should we use?
- Let people in your local area know that you are creating a window gallery so they can do the same. Go for a walk and spot artwork in windows. Discuss the pictures and what you like about them.

WEDNESDAY. LOCAL BUSINESS IMAGINARY PLAY

Possible Materials

- Play money (you could make your own).
- Sticky labels and post it notes.
- Card or paper.
- Items from around the home to use as props.

Introduction

What local businesses are there in your area? Make a list and discuss the purpose of each one. Where would I go if I needed bread and milk? If my hair was too long? If our pet was ill?

- Make cards and draw pictures of some local businesses and other images to match (for example a library and a book). Play snap or a matching game.

Activity

What is your favourite local business? Can you recreate it at home? Choose a children's table, play kitchen, the space behind the sofa or a cosy corner and set up an imaginary play area. Use card or paper to make signs and menus, add play money and price tags or use household items to make your small business come to life.

- What jobs do people do in this business? Help your children to get into character, you may have to do the same!
- Can you send your local business a photo of your 'mini me' version to show them your support?

THURSDAY. ANIMAL COMMUNITIES

Possible Materials

- Cardboard boxes and packaging materials.
- Tape and scissors.
- Paint, pens or collage materials to decorate.

Introduction

It's cleaning time! Just like in a community, people in our house have jobs to do. Brainstorm possible cleaning jobs and then get to work.

- Can you make a jobs chart for your home?
- Create a playlist of cleaning music. Dusting can be fun!

Activity

Many animals live together in communities to make it easier to find food and stay safe. Use the internet to research such animals. Older children could compile their information into a poster or booklet while the little ones could look at pictures.

Create a town for a community of animals. It could be bees, meerkats, penguins or something imaginary such as fairies or unicorns. Anything goes! Use cardboard boxes and packaging materials and think about all the creature comforts your town will need to keep its occupants warm, dry and happy.

- Draw animals onto card and cut out to add to your town.
- Introduce a problem such as a storm or predator which the animals need to overcome. Perhaps the Mummy Monster is on its way!! How could they adapt the town to keep themselves safe?

FRIDAY. ART FOR OTHERS

Own Choice of Art Materials

Introduction

Today, think about neighbours and other people who you know in your community. Talk about how you know these people and remember times you have spent together.

- Can you call someone or drop a note through their letterbox (if safe to do so)?

Activity

Create some miniature artworks that you can post to friends and family or leave around your community for others to discover. You can find some ideas here to get you started:

<https://www.pinterest.co.uk/MyLittleMakesDotCom/little-makers-club-community/>