



# Welcome to Reception



Hello and Welcome to Reception,

We are looking forward to working with yourselves and your children in September.

We thank all of you who were able to join our Zoom Meeting last week. It was lovely to see so many families there.

In preparation for September, below are some Summer Holiday Activities you may like to work on with your child.

We have also provided some websites that you may like to look at before your child starts school. Can we also remind you to look at the New Reception Intake tab on our school website. Here is a direct link:

[http://www.staugustines.dorset.sch.uk/website/new\\_reception\\_intake/483598](http://www.staugustines.dorset.sch.uk/website/new_reception_intake/483598)

Here you will find the Welcome to Reception Powerpoint Presentation with lots of information regarding your child starting school.

You will also find a range of important documents to read regarding your child's education at St. Augustine's School.

## **An excellent document for parents to help understand child development:**

What to Expect When.

[https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2015/03/4Children\\_ParentsGuide\\_2015\\_WEB.pdf](https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2015/03/4Children_ParentsGuide_2015_WEB.pdf)

## **Fun websites for children:**

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?Subject=37>

This link will take you to the Early Years Area of the Topmarks website. It provides a range of educational games together with further links to educational programmes.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-songs-index/zhwgdgw>

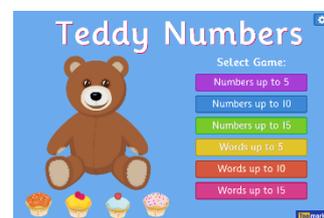
With a choice of over 100 nursery rhymes and songs, this website is popular with our reception class.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b01cz0p1/alphablocks>

This website provides short episodes linked to the teaching of phonics and is excellent in supporting the work we do with the children in school.

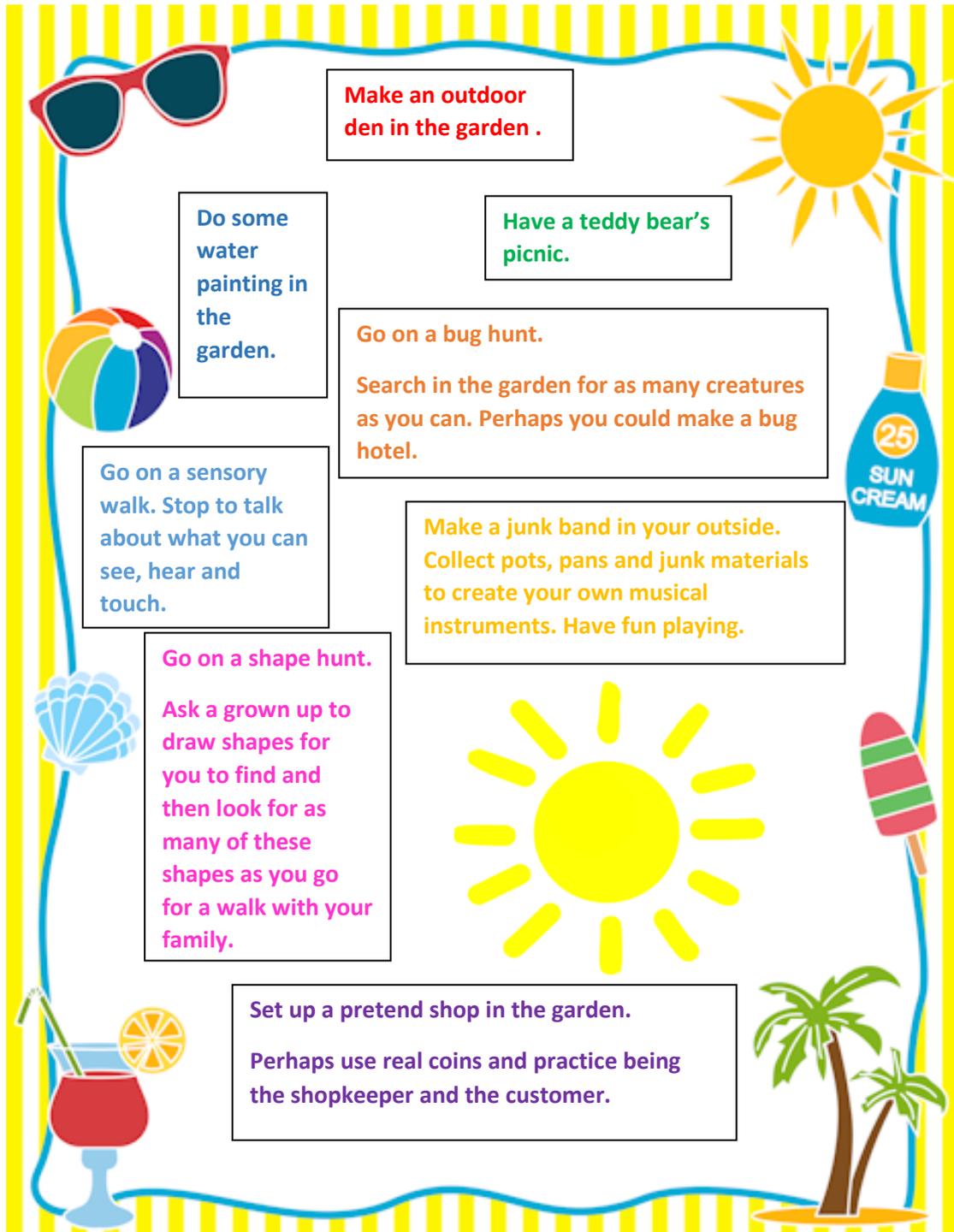
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b08bzfhn/numberblocks>

This website provides short episodes linked to the teaching of mathematics and is excellent in supporting the work we do with the children in school.





# Summer Activities



**Make an outdoor den in the garden .**

**Do some water painting in the garden.**

**Have a teddy bear's picnic.**

**Go on a bug hunt.**  
Search in the garden for as many creatures as you can. Perhaps you could make a bug hotel.

**Go on a sensory walk. Stop to talk about what you can see, hear and touch.**

**Make a junk band in your outside.**  
Collect pots, pans and junk materials to create your own musical instruments. Have fun playing.

**Go on a shape hunt.**  
Ask a grown up to draw shapes for you to find and then look for as many of these shapes as you go for a walk with your family.

**Set up a pretend shop in the garden.**  
Perhaps use real coins and practice being the shopkeeper and the customer.

Decorative elements include: sunglasses, beach ball, sun, sun cream bottle, seashell, ice cream, drink, and palm trees.

If you would like to, you can send any photos or messages related to the summer activities above through Tapestry.

It would be lovely to see what you have been doing and then when your child starts school in September, we can share these messages and photos with their friends during our daily Celebration Time.

Please have a lovely Summer and we look forward to seeing you all in September.

Best wishes,

Mrs Evans, Mrs Wooton and Miss Smith.