



Activities at Home

Project: 'Splish, Splash, Splosh'

Dear Parents,

The activity for week: 3 beginning: 29th April is 'Toddle down the Thames'

The activity we will be covering involves:

- Learning about the important role that rivers have played in supporting the development of civilisations and cities throughout history
- Talk about how our river, the river Thames, has helped London become one of the world's major cities
- Learn the names of some of the iconic buildings and monuments that line the river in Central London
- Use various construction resources to create our own versions of some of London's most well-known buildings

Our activity includes:

- First, we will talk about rivers and how we always see them in major cities. Does anyone know why every major city that we visit seems to have a river? We will discuss how rivers helped open trade routes and transportation, which was important for people to live comfortably. More and more people settled around or set up businesses around the rivers and these communities grew and grew. We have a major river in London-does anyone know the name of it?

- We will then discuss a brief history of London, before sharing the story ‘A Walk through London’ where we will visit lots of London’s most iconic monuments-many of these are along the river
- The children will also be shown photographs of these buildings-does anyone recognise them? Has anyone seen them before? Has anyone visited them before?
- The children will then be invited to use various construction resources to build their own versions of key London monuments

You might wish to help your child to explore this topic at home or when you are out and about. Please feel free to approach the teachers for further explanations.

Our suggested activities are:

- Go on your own walk through London, or maybe take a water taxi down the Thames from Waterloo to Greenwich-what different things can you see? Do the buildings change? Which buildings do you think were important for industry?
- If you can’t make it into the city, how about taking a stroll to Putney Bridge and looking at the boats on the river-which boats can you see? What might they be doing?
- Familiarise your child with other major rivers and cities, e.g. the River Seine in Paris, the Wisla in Krakow, or even the Danube, which flows through 4 major cities (Vienna, Budapest, Bratislava and Belgrade).

The big question:

Ask your child:

If you had your own city, what would you name your river?

