

Practical English Activities

Here are some practical activities that you might find fun to try to support your English work this week. These activities will hopefully provide some English work that doesn't involve writing on paper and help your child to engage in the learning with even greater enthusiasm.

1. Go out into the garden or have a search if you go out on your daily walk to search for twigs to build your own paintbrushes. Then, use your imagination and find any other bits of nature that strike your fancy. Using rubber bands attach your special finds to the sticks and you have a **nature paintbrush**. Try all the different brushes to see which one works best and to discover the different patterns each creates.



2. Are you tired of writing your spellings out on paper? If so, then why not try writing them on something else. If the ground outside is dry then use a paintbrush and some water and try writing on the patio or path. Maybe you could use your magic paintbrush to write a message on the fence or the shed with water. Perhaps you could use a stick to write in the mud. If you have play doh or plasticine you could make words with this. Ask your parents to sprinkle some flour onto a tray or plate and use a dry paintbrush to write in the flour.



3. Create your own magic paintbrushes by freezing poster paints in ice cube trays with a lolly stick stuck in it. You could try putting different colours in the same part of the tray to create rainbow brushes. When they have frozen solid, have a go at painting with them. You might want to do this outside!



4. Make your own puppets and have a go at retelling the story of the magic paintbrush or act the story out with you as the main character. Perhaps your brothers and sisters or parents could play some of the parts for you. I bet you all have someone in your family who you think would make an excellent mean king!

