





## Activities to help your child at home with science:



Investigate how many different kinds of	Collect different objects that you can test in
minibeasts you can find in your garden. Can you	water to see if they will float or sink. Can you
create a chart, table or graph to show how many	make a prediction first? Can you find a way to
you found of each type, or where you found	make a floating object sink? Is there a way to
them?	make an object that sank, float?
Observe the weather over a week or a month and create a weather chart to show the different types of weather you saw. Can you make a simple rain gauge to collect & measure rainfall?	Save some seeds. It could be fruit or vegetable seeds, from your food at home. Plant the seeds so you can observe their growth and change. Where is the best place indoors to put seeds and why?
Freeze some small objects. It could be toys,	With a grown-up's help, (for safety reasons) test
leaves, sticks etc. After freezing, predict how	a range of biscuits to see which is the best biscuit
long it will take for the ice to thaw. Where is the	for dunking in tea. Decide how to make it a fair
best place to speed up the thawing process?	test e.g. how many dunks/how long for?
Research a famous scientist. Can you find out	Investigate changing materials (1). How long
five fun or unusual facts about your scientist?	does it take to melt a chocolate button in the
How has their discovery or invention benefited	warmth of your hand? Will it take the same time
others? What made them become a scientist?	for other family members?
Investigate changing materials (2). Will anything	Can the person in your family with the largest
change when water is added to Skittles sweets?	hands grab the most sweets/raisins? Can the
Does the temperature of the water make any	person in your family with the longest legs jump
difference? Does the same thing happen if you	the furthest? How are you going to measure the
try other liquids, such as milk or juice?	distance?
Use a torch when it's dark to explore shadows you can create around your home. What will happen if you stand up a torch underneath a colander? Can you use your hands to make shadow puppets?	Using plastic cups and sheets of paper, how tall a tower can you build? Try placing different objects on top. What weight can your tower support? Can you find a way to make the structure even stronger?
Make different paper aeroplanes. Test your	Use a scarf to make a blindfold. Ask a member of
planes. Which will travel the farthest distance?	your family to feed you different food. Can you
Which will stay longest in the air? Which will	recognise the food from its smell? Can you
land the closest to a target?	identify the food by its taste?

