



KIDDO AT-HOME ACTIVITY PACK



THE UNIVERSITY OF
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AUSTRALIA**



**KIDDO IS ON A MISSION TO GET KIDS MOVING WELL
AND MOVING OFTEN, WHEREVER THEY MAY BE!**



WHAT'S INSIDE?

This pack is full of great games, challenges, and activities for children 3-8 years-old to play at home.

All of the activities have been specially designed by the KIDDO Team at the University of Western Australia to develop children's skills, confidence, motivation and knowledge to lead a happy, healthy and active life.

Also included are heaps of tips for parents, to take part in their children's development.

You don't need any special equipment or skills to join in.
So what are you waiting for?

BUILDING PHYSICAL LITERACY

Hey there, Parents!

All of the activities within this pack are designed to develop physical literacy. Physical literacy is like a toolkit for leading an active life. It includes having the skills, confidence, motivation and knowledge to be active. The early years really sets the foundation for physical literacy, as children learn the basic skills such as run, jump, throw and catch and develop the confidence to be active, so it's really important that children get lots of opportunities to explore and practice.



The activities in this pack are mostly designed for children to do without the need for supervision. You may like to help them with set-up, or just leave some active play equipment out each day for them to play and explore the skills.

There are also lots of fantastic opportunities to join in games and activities with your children, and support them to develop physical literacy.

To help you, at the end of the pack there is parent information for teaching fundamental movement skills, a core component of physical literacy.



_____ 'S KIDDO STAR CHART

(write your name)

Each time you complete one of the KIDDO activities, colour one of the stars next to it and trace a star at the bottom.

See if you can collect all 36 stars!!

BEANBAG BALANCES



BALLOON KEEP-UPS



CATCH THE
MAGICAL CREATURES



CATCHING CHALLENGE



JUMPING COURSE



UNO MOVE



BALANCE COURSE



DANCE PARTY



SCAVENGER HUNT



BUILD AND DESTROY



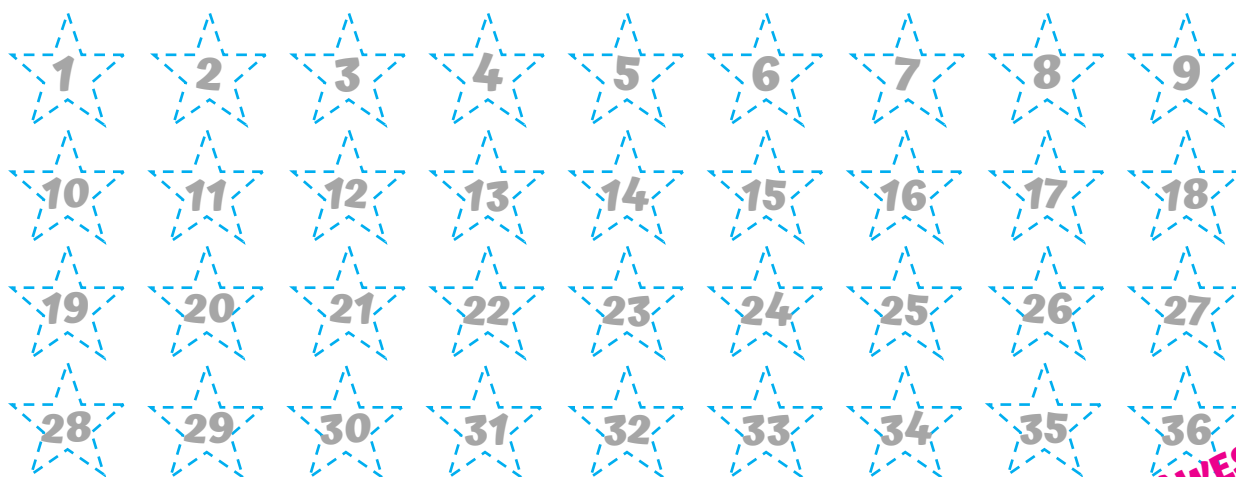
MINI GOLF



MY ACTIVITY



TRACE A STAR EVERY TIME YOU COMPLETE AN ACTIVITY



AWESOME!

WANT TO TEST YOUR SKILLS BEFORE YOU START?

TRY OUR AT HOME CHALLENGES!

TEST YOUR BALANCE



Balance on one leg for as long as you can and get someone to time you

MY SCORES

Right Leg

seconds

Left Leg

seconds

CAN YOU CATCH?



Bounce and catch a basketball as many times as you can in 20 seconds

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catches

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HOW FAR CAN YOU JUMP?



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centimetres

Second Try

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Measure how far you can kick a soccer ball

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metres

Second Try

metres

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ACTIVITIES

WE HAVE 11 GREAT ACTIVITIES FOR YOU TO TRY AT HOME,
PLUS YOU CAN MAKE UP AN ACTIVITY OF YOUR OWN!!

LOOK FOR THIS LOGO IN THE CHALLENGE HEADINGS



CLICK IT TO SEE A YOUTUBE VIDEO OF THE GAME
AND OTHER GREAT GAME IDEAS

HOME CHALLENGE: BEANBAG BALANCE

HOW MANY BEANBAG BALANCES CAN YOU DO?

How many levels can you pass without the beanbag falling off?

Level 1 - Balance the beanbag on your head

Level 2 - Balance the beanbag on your elbow

Level 3 - Balance the beanbag on your foot

Level 4 - Balance on one leg with the beanbag on your head

Level 5 - Walk around with the beanbag on your head

Level 6 - Jump with the beanbag on your head

Level 7 - Hop with the beanbag on your head

Level 8 - Complete your balance course
with a beanbag on your head

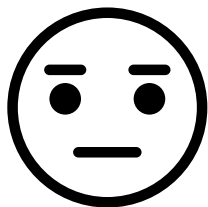


Here are some tips to help you:

- ✓ Head up
- ✓ Arms spread like an aeroplane
- ✓ Look straight ahead

How did this challenge make you feel?

Colour the face



DON'T HAVE A BEANBAG?

You can make one using a sock and some rice

Draw a picture of yourself doing the challenge



HOME CHALLENGE: CATCH THE MAGICAL CREATURES

Set up your own game of Catch the Magical Creatures

Here is a list of things you will need:

- ✓ Baskets or buckets
- ✓ Toys
- ✓ Balls

How to Play

- ✓ Place a toy in each basket or bucket
- ✓ Spread the baskets around your play space
- ✓ Stand a few metres back from the baskets

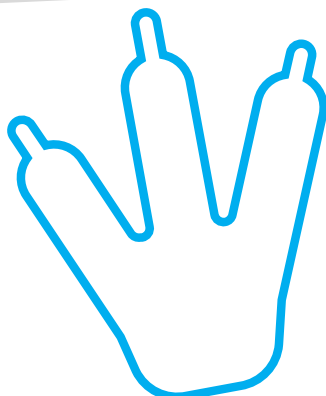
**YOUR MISSION IS TO CATCH ALL OF THE
MAGICAL CREATURES BY THROWING YOUR
BALL INTO THE BASKET**

**If your ball lands in the basket, run and grab
the toy out of the basket, keep going until
you have caught all of the creatures**

**Make it harder by moving the baskets
further away**

**How many creatures
did you catch?**

Write in the footprint



Here are some tips to help you throw:



Ready: Stand side
on like a surfer



Aim: Make a
muscle arm



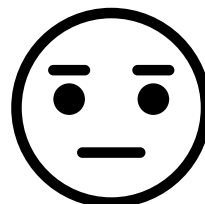
Point non-throwing
arm at target



Fire: Step with
non-throwing
side foot and throw

**How did this challenge
make you feel?**

Colour the face



HOME CHALLENGE: JUMPING OBSTACLE COURSE



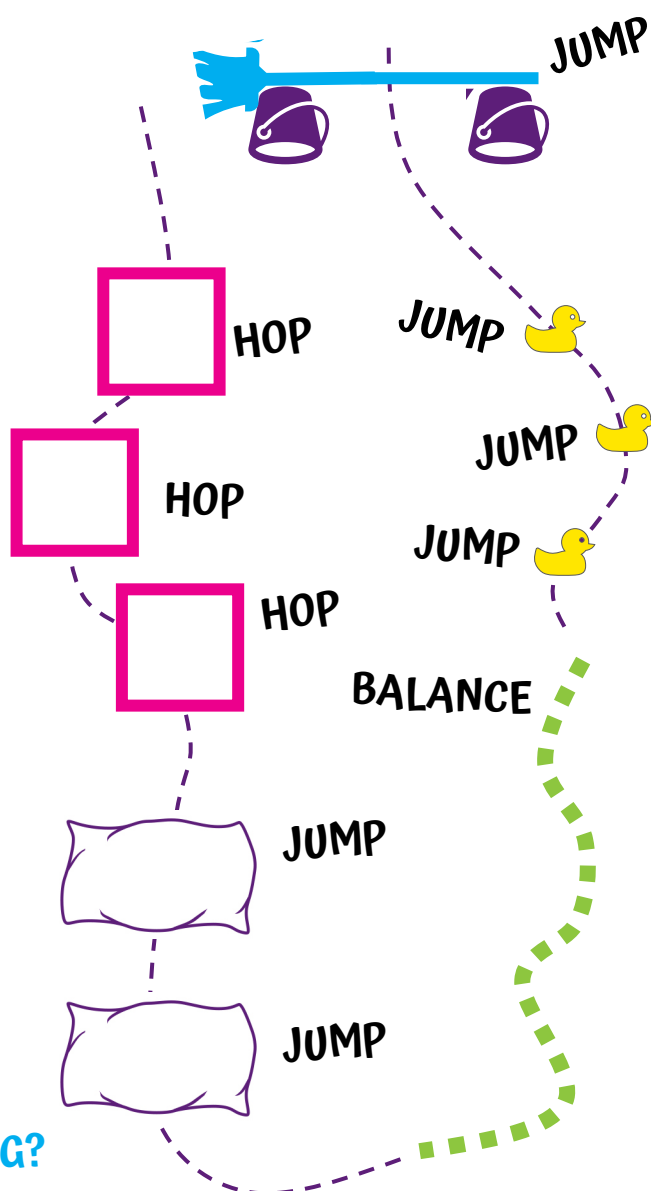
BUILD YOUR OWN JUMPING OBSTACLE COURSE IN YOUR BACKYARD OR LIVING ROOM

Here are some ideas of things you could find around your house to put in your course:

- | | |
|------------|-----------------|
| 1. Pillows | 4. Rope |
| 2. Toys | 5. Pots/buckets |
| 3. Tape | 6. Broom |

Here are some tips to help you:

- ✓ Take off – Swing and spring
- ✓ In the air – reach for a star and pull it down
- ✓ Landing – land like you're on a motorbike, knees bent, arms forward



HOW GOOD WERE YOU AT JUMPING?

Colour the stars





HOME CHALLENGE: MASKING TAPE BALANCE COURSE

Build a balance course in your house or backyard. All you need is some masking tape (or chalk)

Here are some tips to help you balance



Head up



Eyes looking forward



Arms out like an aeroplane

Draw your Balance course

Here are some ideas:

Balance beam



Hopping



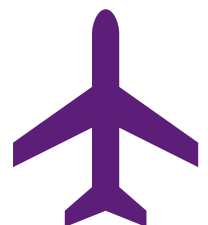
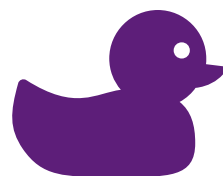
Star Jumps



Zig Zag



Circle the object that your arms should look like when balancing:





**KEEP THE BALLOON UP WITH YOUR FEET
DON'T LET IT TOUCH THE FLOOR!**



Here are some tips to help you:

- ✔ Eyes on the balloon
- ✔ Kicking foot like a penguin
(turned outwards)
- ✔ Step, swing and kick!

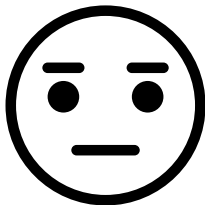
**How many kicks did you do before
the balloon hit the floor?**

Write the number of kicks on the
balloon.

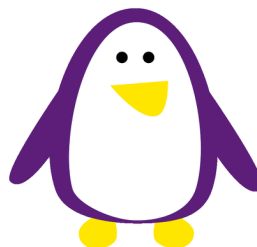


**How did this challenge
make you feel?**

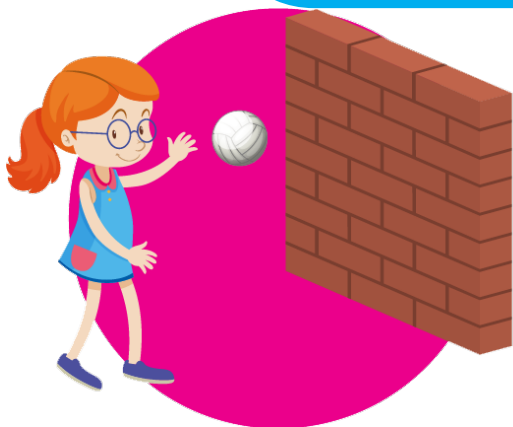
Colour the face



**Trace the line to make the
penguin kick the ball**



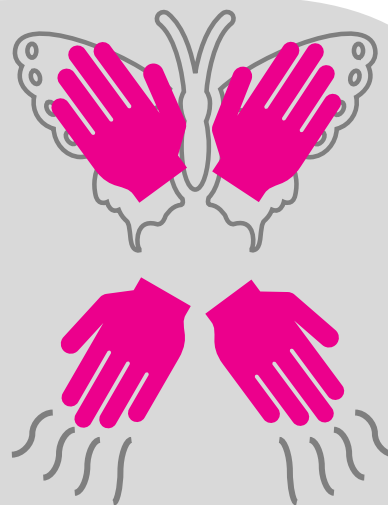
HOME CHALLENGE: HOW MANY CATCHES CAN YOU DO?



**THROW A BALL AGAINST A WALL
AND TRY TO CATCH IT**

Here are some tips to help you:

- ✓ Eyes on the ball
- ✓ Hands move towards the ball
- ✓ If the ball is high, hands like a butterfly
- ✓ If the ball is low, fingers down like wriggly worms

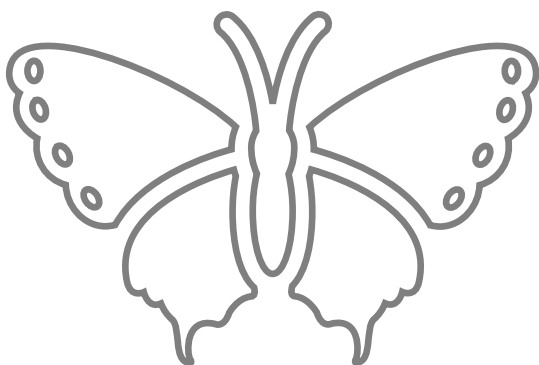
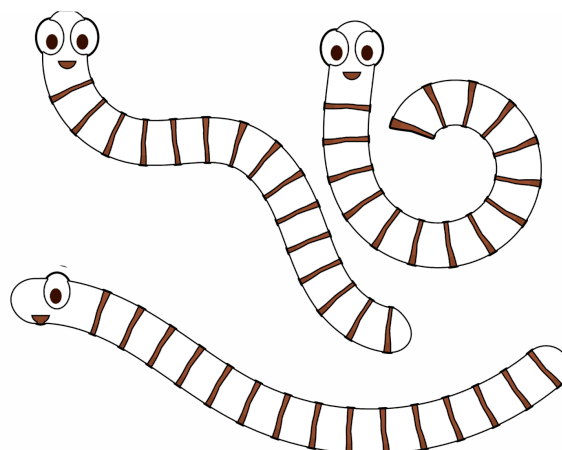


How many catches did you do in a row?

Write the number of catches on the ball



Colour in the butterfly and worms



Turn your UNO™ game into UNO™ Move

You'll need a deck of UNO™ cards.

How to Play

- ✔ Choose a movement you are going to do for each colour and write them in the boxes (e.g. Star jumps, hopping, bounce & catch)
- ✔ Play your UNO™ game as normal
- ✔ Each time a coloured card is put down, opposing player must perform the movement as many times as the number on the card

Write your movements in the boxes

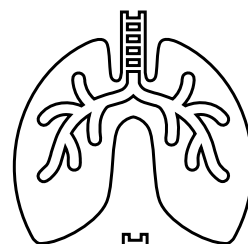
And the winner is...

Draw a picture of yourself playing UNO™ move

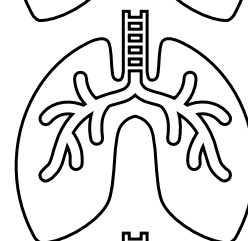
How puffed out did you get?

Colour in the lungs

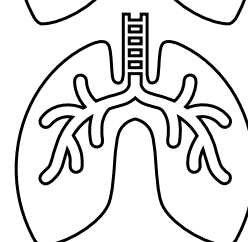
HEAPS!



A FAIR BIT



A LITTLE





**BUILD AND PLAY YOUR OWN
MINIGOLF COURSE!**

**Here are some ideas to build
your course:**

**Use anything as a club and
ball, pool noodle, cardboard
tube, rolled up socks, rolled
up paper**

**Here are some tips for
striking skills:**

- ✓ Hands together
- ✓ Stand side on
- ✓ Writing hand at the bottom
- ✓ Eyes on the ball

Obstacles:

- Toys
- Teddies
- Ramps
- Blocks
- Chairs

Boundaries:

- Wood
- Walls
- Blocks
- Books

The Hole:

- Jar
- Toilet roll
- Bucket
- Cup

PLAN YOUR COURSE

START

FINISH





PRACTICE YOUR THROWING WITH A GAME OF BUILD AND DESTROY

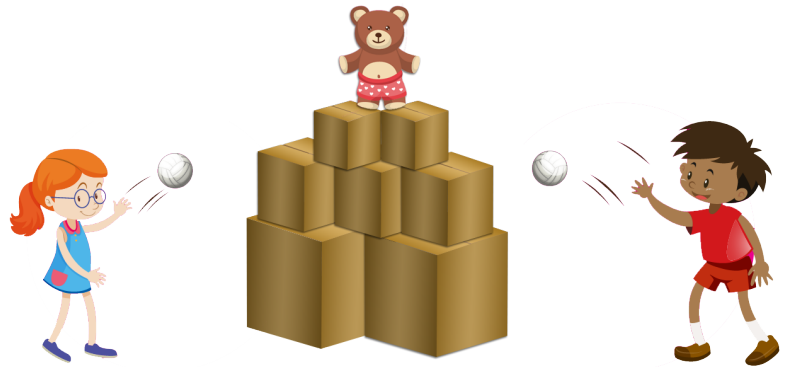
HOW TO PLAY

Build a tower in your house or backyard in a place that is safe to throw.

You can use things like boxes, toys, pillows, and cushions.

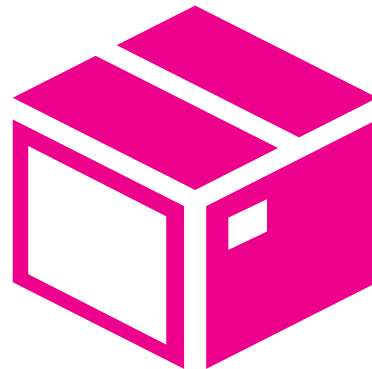
Stand a few metres back and throw balls at the tower, trying to knock it down.

Count the number of throws it takes to knock it down!



**HOW MANY THROWS DID IT TAKE
TO KNOCK DOWN YOUR TOWER?**

Write it on the box



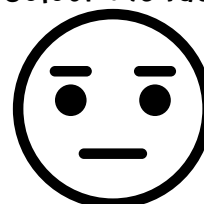
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HOME CHALLENGE: KIDDO DANCE PARTY

**HAVE A DANCE PARTY IN YOUR
LIVING ROOM OR BACKYARD!**



**Kiddo has Spotify playlists full
of great songs for kids
including:**

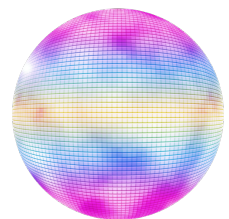
- ✓ Peter Coombe
- ✓ Sticky Kids
- ✓ The Wiggles

+ a bunch of great pop hits

**Search KIDDO_AU in Spotify to
see all our playlists**

**Draw yourself doing your best
dance move!!**

Get the dancers to the Disco
Trace the line





GO ON A FAMILY NATURE SCAVENGER HUNT!

TRY AND FIND EVERYTHING ON THE LIST

Remember to tick them off as you go

- | | |
|--|---|
| ☐ The Southern cross | ☐ A heart-shaped stone |
| ☐ A mushroom or fungus | ☐ A waterfall |
| ☐ A bird's nest | ☐ A herb garden |
| ☐ An animal's footprint | ☐ A sunrise or sunset over the horizon |
| ☐ Paper bark | ☐ An animal that lives underwater |
| ☐ A perfect climbing tree | ☐ A farm animal |
| ☐ A gumnut | ☐ A clover (try find a four-leaf clover) |
| ☐ A large feather | ☐ A spider's web |

DRAW YOUR 3 FAVOURITE FINDS

MAKE UP YOUR OWN ACTIVE ACTIVITY OR GAME

You can do whatever you like, using anything around your house as long as it gets you huffing and puffing. Get your family to play with you.



MY GAME



MY GAME IS CALLED _____

DRAW OR WRITE HOW YOUR GAME WORKS BELOW

Need some ideas?

**You could use things like
boxes, toys, pillows, and
cushions, milk cartons, balls,
tape, baskets, buckets,
cardboard tubes, socks**

THE BEST PART OF MY GAME IS...

WANT TO SEE IF YOU'RE IMPROVING?

TEST YOURSELF AGAIN!

TEST YOUR BALANCE



Balance on one leg for as long as you can and get someone to time you

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Right Leg

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LOOKING FOR MORE?

WE HAVE 100 MORE AT-HOME ACTIVITIES FOR YOU TO TRY!!
CROSS THEM OFF AS YOU GO - SEE IF YOU CAN DO THEM ALL

AT-HOME INDOOR ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS WWW.KIDDO.EDU.AU



Hallway Soccer



Balloon taps – use your hand/feet/a broom



Dance party



Masking tape maze
create & hop/jump/skip/run through it



Musical statues



Indoor obstacle course



Milk carton bowling



Spider web throw



Lucky dip -activity of the day



Activity stations
Balance on one foot Throw & catch
Walk balancing teddy on head



Catching challenges
www.kiddo.edu.au/promote



Sack races
use your old pillow slips



Balance challenges



Roll a dice fitness fun



Have a go at the KIDDO Challenges catch/balance /jump



Make a mini golf course



Catch the magical creatures
<https://kiddo.edu.au/activities/catch-magical-creatures>



Animal walks
crab/bear/snake/kangaroo



Floor is lava



Indoor Skating
wear paper plates or face cloths on feet and skate around wooden or carpet floors



Beanbag balances
fill a sock with rice to make a beanbag



Balloon tennis



Sock basketball – use a bucket as a goal, how many goals can you get?



Musical chairs



Make up your own dance routine

AT-HOME OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

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Build & destroy
Build a castle using household items. How many throws to knock it down?



Footpath chalk games
- hopscotch



Nature scavenger hunt



Wall ball
www.kiddo.edu.au/activities



Kick & Chase
kick a ball and chase after it, try to stop it with your foot



DIY backyard obstacle course



Footpath chalk games - jumping patterns



Climb a tree



Diminishing targets



Goal scoring bonanza
set-up goals using a laundry basket. How many can you get?



Catching challenges



Footpath chalk games - design your own game



Minefield
dribble a soccer ball around obstacles, now try bouncing



Play a game of four square/handball



Run/roll down a hill



Skipping rope games



Super throw
how far/high can you throw?
Try underarm & overarm



Stocking Striking
put a pair of socks in a stocking and hang from a tree, try and hit



Ride a bike or scooter on the footpath



Ready, aim, fire
draw targets on a wall with chalk and throw/kick at them



Here, there, everywhere



Jump & measure
use a measuring tape to see how far/high you can jump



Make a ninja warrior course



Create your own game with a ball



Crab walk
walk on all fours with belly facing up

AT-HOME FAMILY ACTIVITIES

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Balance
Twister



Balloon
tennis



Family Dance off



Uno-move
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Simon Says



Tag games



Wicked Witch



Family walk



Read & act our We are
going on a Bear Hunt



Soccer penalties



Shrink & grow



Sack races
use your old pillow slips



What's the time
Mr Wolf



Family bike ride



Witches Cauldron



Connect 4
[https://kiddo.edu.au/activities/
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Catch the magical creatures
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Limbo



Floor is lava



Follow the
leader



Hide & Seek



Wheelbarrows



Broom hockey



Musical chairs



Make up your own
dance routine

CREATE YOUR OWN AT-HOME ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

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Learn how to throw a frisbee



Make up a new game involving a ball



Learn a new trick with a skipping rope



Make up your own dance routine



Create a scavenger hunt around the house



Learn some yoga poses



Make a ribbon stick & play with it outside



Make a paper plane see how far it flies



Bubble Play
how many you can pop



Make your own quoits set out of household items



Play a mirror game
child copies the movement made by parent or sibling



Make a hobby horse and ride around on it



Learn how to play lawn/carpet bowls



Play a game of Lily pads and Leapfrogs
Using household items



Make cardboard boxes into cars
play "cardboard box car trip" – adaptation of hula hoop car trip



Provide a range of scarves and dress-ups



Learn how to play FLIP IT with a water bottle



Try learning & dancing to some of Peter Combe's action songs



Build a castle out of boxes and blocks



Learn how to do a handstand



Do the Hokey Pokey



Have a go playing elastics



Practice forward rolls on the bed



Wet sponge design
Throw wet sponges at a wall to make a design



Have an egg and spoon race

PARENT TIPS

THE NEXT FEW PAGES PROVIDE PARENTS WITH SOME GREAT TIPS TO USE WHEN DEVELOPING FUNDAMENTAL MOVEMENT SKILLS WITH THEIR CHILDREN. WE ALWAYS TRY TO USE CHILD-FRIENDLY TEACHING CUES WHERE POSSIBLE AND EMBED SKILL LEARNING IN FUN GAMES.



Improve your Move



TIPS FOR LEARNING HOW TO BALANCE

Just like reading & writing, kids need to learn to move

This week in the KIDDO session we learnt how to BALANCE

There are two types of balance that children need to develop:



Static balance

Balance while the body is still
e.g. standing on one leg



Dynamic balance

Balance while the body is moving
e.g. changing directions when running

When balancing in one place:



Head up



Eyes looking forward



Arms out like an aeroplane



Children need active play + practice to learn these essential skills to be active for life

Fun Balance games to play at home:



Musical statues

Dance to music and freeze when the music stops



Twister

The classic board game, spin the spinner and make your move



Make an obstacle course in the playground

Down the slide, across the monkey bars, around the swing etc.

Test your balance!

Have a go at the KIDDO balance challenge at home your child

www.kiddo.edu.au/challenges/test-your-balance



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TIPS FOR LEARNING HOW TO JUMP

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This week in the KIDDO session we learnt how to JUMP:



Take off:

Swing and Spring - swing arms behind and bend ankles, knees and hips



Flight:

Reach for a star and bring it down again- arms reach right up high and then come down again for landing



Landing:

Land like you are riding a motorbike - arms out in front, ankles, knees and hips bent, feet apart



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Fun games to play at home:



Make a jumping obstacle course

Over a cushion, down a step, off a small wall



Sack races

Use old pillow slips



Skipping ropes

How many jumps in a row

How far can you jump?

Have a go at the KIDDO jumping challenge at home with your child

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TIPS FOR LEARNING HOW TO CATCH

Just like reading & writing, kids need to learn to move

This week in the KIDDO session we learnt how to catch:



Eyes on the ball



Hands move to the ball



Balls below the waist
= wriggly worm fingers



Balls above the waist
= butterfly fingers



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Fun games to play at home:



Balloon taps – tap the balloon in the air as many times as you can



Wall Ball – throw a ball against a wall and try and catch



Take a ball to the park next time you go and play catch, how many can you do in a row



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TIPS FOR LEARNING HOW TO THROW

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Ready: Stand side on like a surfer



Aim: Make a muscle arm



Point non-throwing arm at target



Fire: Step with non-throwing side foot and throw



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Fun games to play at home:



Draw chalk targets on the wall & throw at them – use a water balloon to make it even more fun



Super throw – using a small ball try throwing as far as you can, see if you can throw further with each throw



Save the soft toy – set-up out a range of soft toys for your child to throw at. If they hit them they get to rescue them and bring them home.



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TIPS FOR LEARNING HOW TO KICK

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This week in the KIDDO session we learnt how to Kick



Eyes on ball

Kicking foot like a penguin
(turned outwards)



Step, Swing & Kick:
step with your non-kicking
foot next to the ball



**Children need
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+ practice
to learn these
essential skills
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for life**

Fun Kicking games to play at home



Ten Pin Kicking:
kick over the milk cartons



Balloon Kicking:
how many kicks can you do
without the balloon touching
the ground



Goalie:
make a goal with your shoes and
take turns having shots on goal

How far can you kick?

Have a go at the KIDDO kicking challenge at
home with your child
<https://www.kiddo.edu.au/challenges/how-far-can-you-kick>



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BALANCING

Balance is a stability skill, it is an essential part of everything we do and affects the development of other locomotor and object control skills.

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CATCHING

We don't normally see fully developed catching skills until the ages of 6-9 years. Children need a lot of opportunities to attempt to catch as they learn to track the trajectory of a ball

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DODGING

Children are ready to be introduced to the skill of dodging in Year 2 and should be fine tuning the skill by the end of Year 5.

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DRIBBLE (BASKETBALL)

Bouncing the ball while standing still is one of the earliest object control skills to be mastered, however it is much harder to bounce the ball while walking or running.

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DRIBBLE (SOCCER)

Dribbling the ball requires controlling the ball while moving with it. This skill can be introduced in Kindergarten as it will help children develop their ball tracking skills.

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HOPPING

Hopping is a more advanced skill than jumping as it requires balance and strength. Hopping is a good indicator of being able to maintain balance while moving.

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