

## Nursery Activity Ideas

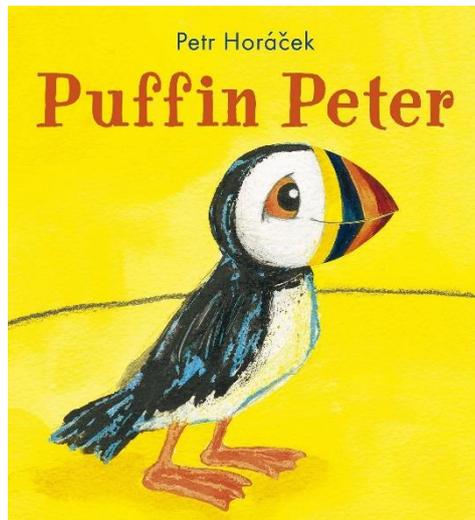
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As we now have a small number of children attending nursery the home learning activity ideas will have a different format and follow along with the book focus we have at nursery each week, giving you activity ideas that cover all seven areas of learning.

### Book focus:

Puffin Peter

By Petr Horáček



Before you start, read the story together or if you do not have this book at home, you can access it online:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NIWW9jkk6-E>

**Let's Play:**

Friendships

**Area of Learning:**

Personal, Social and Emotional Development  
Communication and Language

**Activity:**

Sit and talk together about Peter and Paul from the story, within your discussion think about asking open ended questions and making statements about friendship; "they are good friends", "what makes them good friends?" "Can you remember what it is that Peter likes most about his friend Paul?" "I wonder what Paul likes best about Peter?"

Provide some paper and writing tools, encourage your child to draw their friend a picture, asking questions such as "what is your favorite thing to do together?" or "What is their favorite colour".



**Extend further:**

Help your child to think about their own friends and their characteristics, who are their friends? Ask questions to provoke thought about their qualities and characteristics e.g. "what do they make you happy", "what do they do that makes you laugh?", "What do they do that makes them kind?". Link back to the story, "if you lost your friend what would you say to the whale to help you find them?".

**Let's Play:**

Animal Yoga

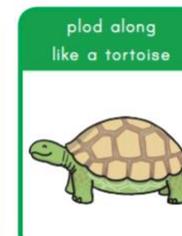
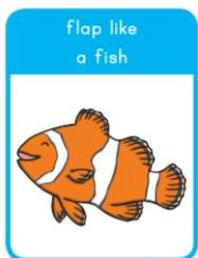
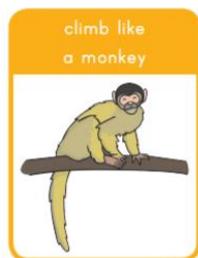
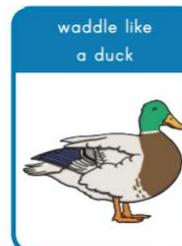
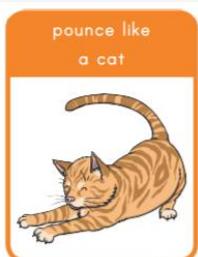
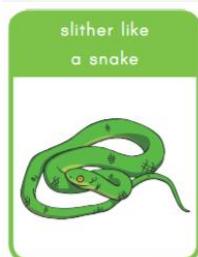
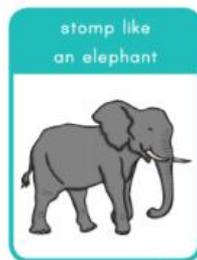
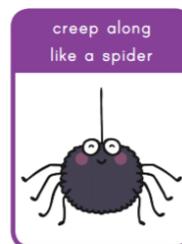
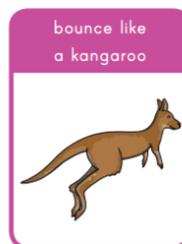
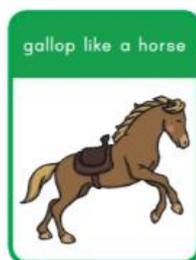
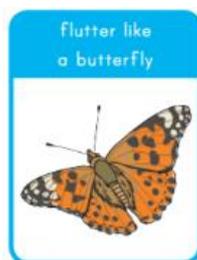
**Area of Learning:**

Physical Development

Personal, social, and emotional development

**Activity:**

Give these animal Yoga poses a try, how long can you hold each pose?



**Extend further:**

What other animals can you think of? Can you make up a pose that matches how they move?

**Lets Play:**

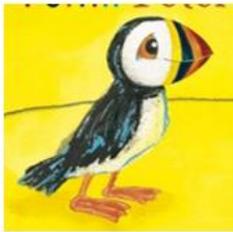
Sound Tray

**Area of Learning:**

Literacy

**Activity:**

Place several objects on a tray (or use the image below) that start with the sound P and one that does not, talk through each picture and support your child to identify the initial sound of each picture before working out the odd one out.



**Extend Further:**

Support your child to write the letter P, perhaps they could draw a picture of Puffin Peter and write his name.

**Let's Play:**

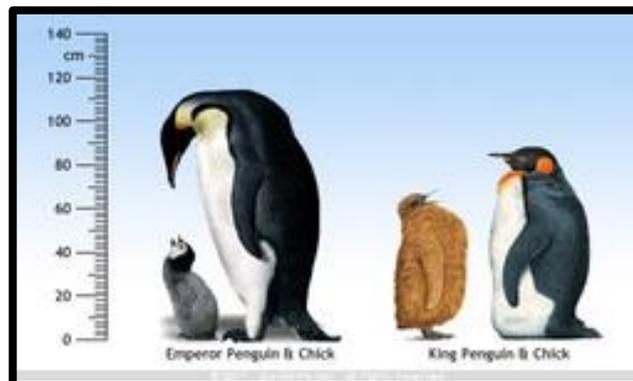
Measuring

**Area of Learning:**

Mathematics

**Activity:**

Use the internet to find out how big each of the characters in the book are. Support your child to use a tape measure and compare if they are bigger or smaller than the animal. (If you do not have a tape measure you could use comparison objects like in the picture below)



**Extend Further:**

Before using the tape measure, support your child in estimating how big it might be or if they will be bigger or smaller than the animal.

**Let's Play:**

Bird watching

**Area of Learning:**

Understanding of the world

**Activity:**

Discuss where Puffins live, use the internet to look at where in the world they build their nests, what they like to eat and what conditions they like to live in. Move your discussion on to what birds live where we do. Use the sheet below to go on a bird watch and identify what birds you are likely to see in your garden or in the local park. You could print and take the image below with you or take the picture with you on a phone and make a written note of which ones you see while your out.

## Garden bird detective



[www.wildlifewatch.org.uk](http://www.wildlifewatch.org.uk)

Pictures: Chaffinch and Greenfinch (c) Gillian Day / House sparrow (c) Stewart McDonald / Blackbird (c) Neil Aldridge / Blue tit, Goldfinch and Great tit (c) Amy Lewis / Collared dove (c) Ian Rose / Starling (c) Joan Burkmar / Wood pigeon (c) Steve Waterhouse

**Extend Further:**

What is your favourite bird? Can you draw a picture, you could try writing its name too!

**Let's Play:**

Parrot/Puffin crafts

**Area of Learning:**

Expressive arts and design

**Activity:**

You will need: paper plates, scissors, decorating equipment, optional googly eyes, glue.

1. Take one paper plate and cut it in half (or draw around a plate onto some paper and then cut that in half).
2. Glue one half to the top of the other, as in the picture. You now have the head and body of your parrot/Puffin.
3. Decorate as you wish, e.g. with brightly coloured paints, feathers and paper strips for the tail.

**Extend Further:**

Experiment with methods to create different effects with the paper of craft materials e.g snipping, curling, folding, looping.