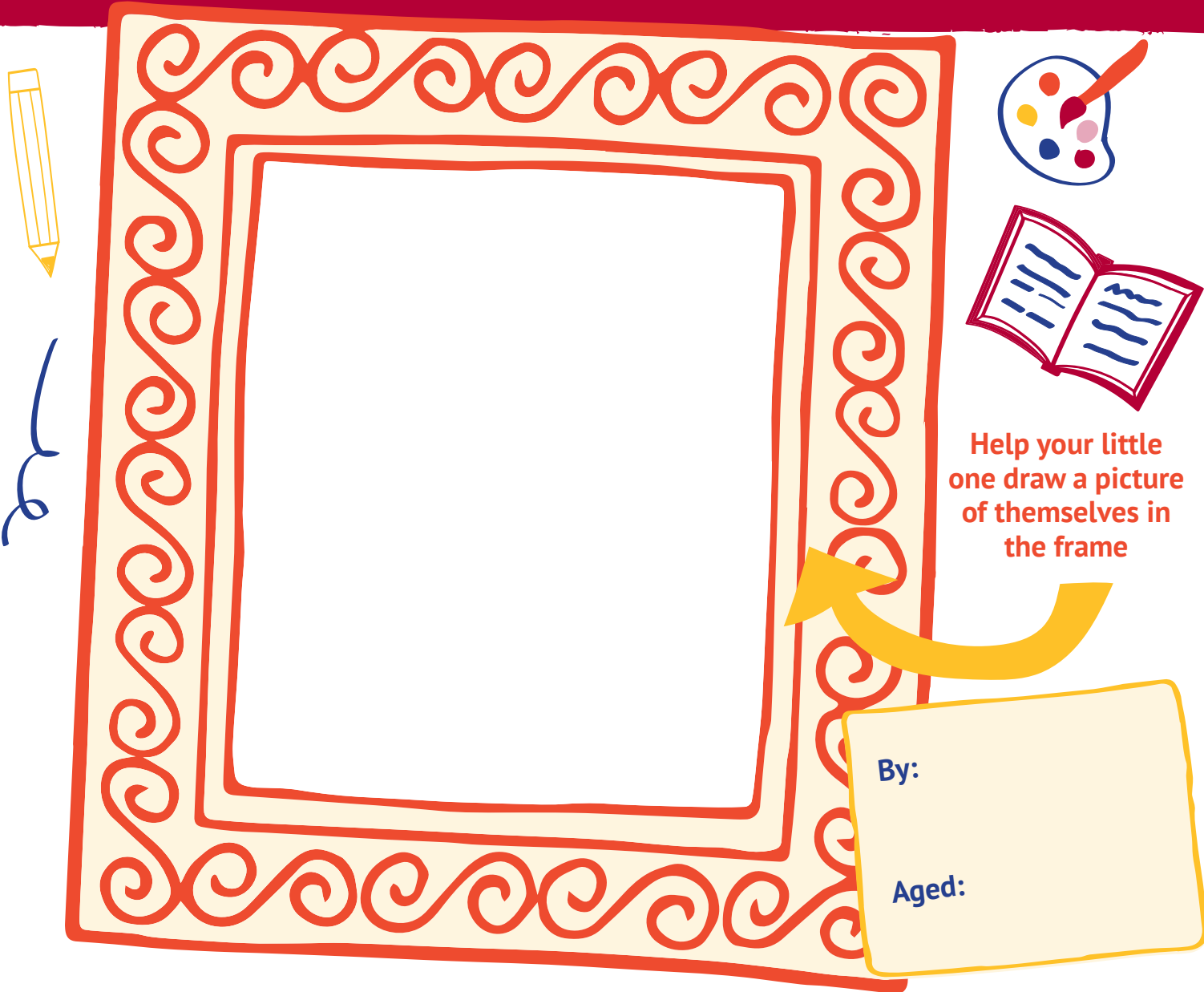


# My storytelling scrapbook



This scrapbook is full of activities to help support your child's early speaking and language development while exploring their likes, dislikes and the world around them. It will help you share your stories and create a piece of history to look back on in the future.

Fill these pages in together, with the doodles, photos and memories about the important people in your life.

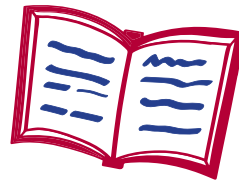


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# All about me



Fill in this page to create a snapshot of your child's life at \_\_\_\_\_ years old.

You could have a go at answering these questions over the next few years to see how their answers change as they get older!

**My favourite toys are**

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**The people I like to play with are**

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**A place where I feel happy is**

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**My favourite food is**

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**My favourite things to read is**

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**I like to read with**

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**Parent tip: You can use  
photographs or items  
at home to prompt  
conversation!**

# A handprint hello



This art activity helps you boost your little one's creativity and make a positive memory together.

Helping your child say 'hello' is a great way to build their communication and interaction skills, and practicing greeting each other.

1. Using a pen or pencil, draw around your child's hand in the space below to create a hand print. Or if you want to get a bit messy, why not paint their hand and make a hand print this way?
2. Decorate the handprint with colouring pencils, paints or stickers.
3. Using the drawing, point and count the number of fingers from 1 to 5. Then encourage your child to copy you using their own hand.
4. Wave at your child and say hello. Gather some toys and then take it in turns to wave and say hello to them.

Parent tip: Practice 'hello' in your first language, it doesn't have to be English!

Parent tip: As your child gets older, get them to redraw their hand over their first handprint and see how their hands change size over time!

# Tree about me



Parent tip: It might help to ask leading questions such as 'Who makes you laugh?', 'Who gives the best hugs?', 'Who do you like to play with?' to help identify their special people.

Talk to your little one about the special people in their life, such as family, friends or nursery staff. Help them to create this tree by adding names, sticking in photos or drawing pictures of the people on the leaves.



Your child may say some of their favourite people are characters from books, TV series or even their favourite toys and that's okay. There are no wrong answers!

# Let's create

Have fun together by playing with playdough!

This activity helps your child develop their creativity and concentration skills while bonding together!

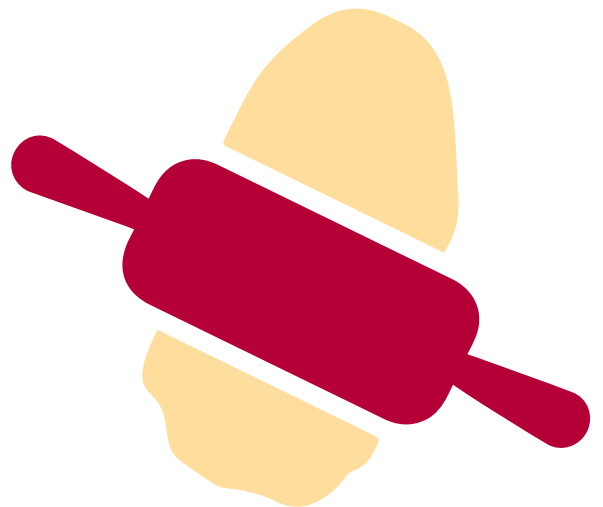


## You will need:

- 4 tablespoons plain flour
- 2 tablespoons salt
- ½ cup warm water
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 4 - 5 drops food colouring

## Method

1. Find a clear work surface which you are happy to get a bit messy. Add all of the ingredients into a bowl and let your child mix them together until a dough forms.
2. Pinch off bits of the dough and have fun making things with it. Will you make letters, numbers or have a go at making faces?
3. Don't forget to wash your hands after!



Chat about what you're doing as you play together! You might like to describe how the dough feels or the noises it makes - like 'squish', 'squash' and 'splat'.



# My favourite food

What does your child like to eat? What meals do you enjoy as a family? Talk to them about the foods they do and don't like, and help them create a picture on the plate below.

Create a meal on the plate below using pictures from magazines.

## You will need:

Colouring pencils

Child-safe scissors

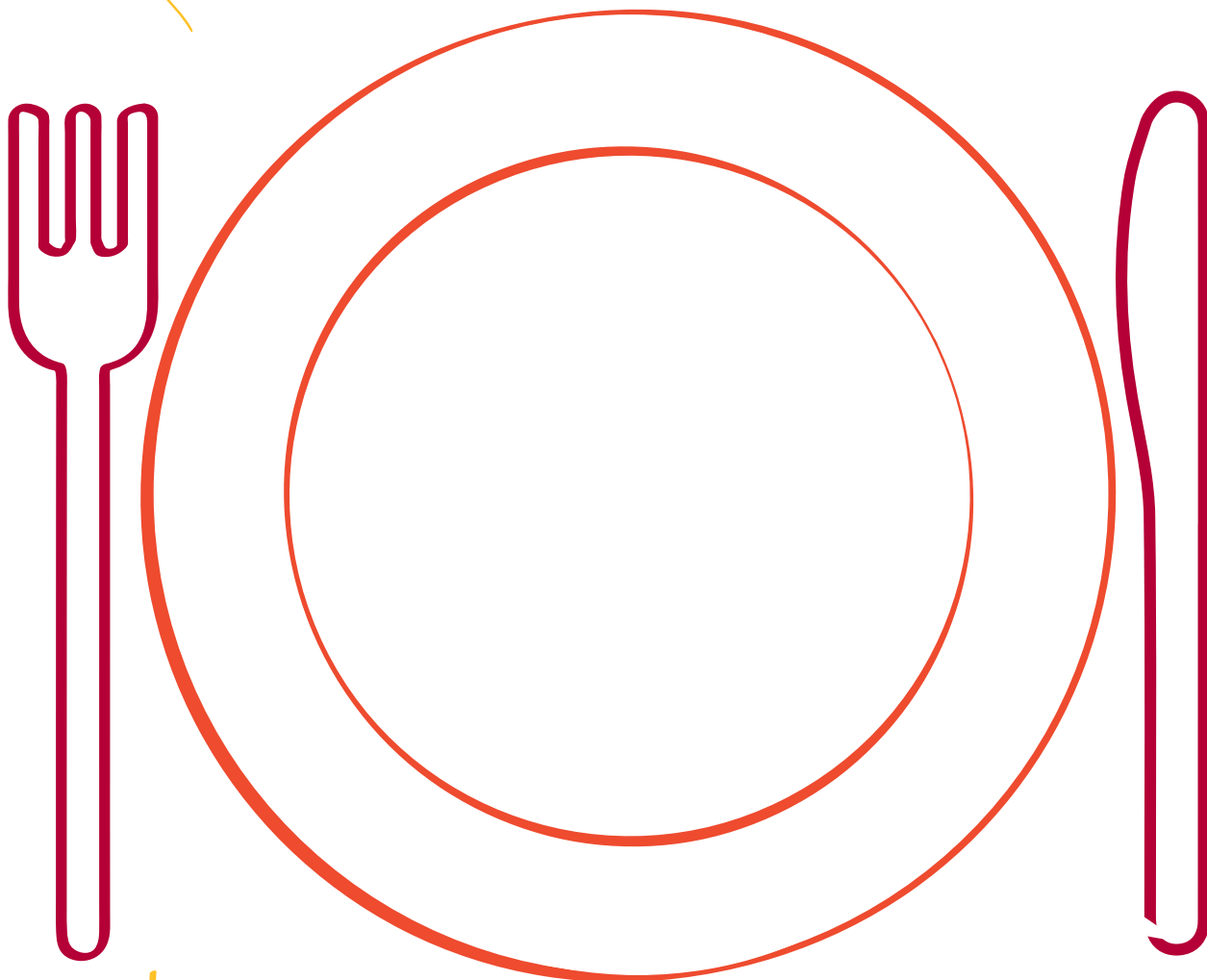
Magazines

Glue



## Method

1. Draw or cut out pictures of food from magazines and stick them on the plate.
2. Help your child name the foods one at a time by pointing to them on the plate.
3. Why not create a game and begin by asking your child to find foods on the plate that match certain descriptions? For instance, foods that are green, sticky, crunchy or soft!



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# Me in three objects

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Look around your home to find three things your child likes to play with.

Once you have them, sit down together and talk about what you have picked.

This activity will encourage your child to explore their likes, dislikes and what is important to them. It will also help to boost their speaking and listening skills.

Help your child draw the items in the frames below.

