



Personal, Social and Emotional development

- Guess who was the baby? (photos of children and staff)
- Teddy feels jealous of the new baby – why is he feeling like this?
- Wash baby's clothes – why do we need to keep things clean
- My special things
- Ways in which I can help
- Draw a picture of the people you live with
- Things I can do for myself
- How can you be a good friend?
- I like it when..... I don't like it when.....

Understanding the World

- How does your family celebrate the arrival of a baby?
- Sort baby clothes that have poppers from ones that have buttons
- Look at baby toys - how do you make them work?
- Visit of a baby: what can the baby do? What does the baby need?
- What is your favourite place in this area – park, swimming pool, shops?
- My special days – share photos
- Smells – sweet, sour, strong?
- Touch – find the softest, hardest, furriest
- Sing a favourite song into the tape recorder and replay

Communication and Language

- What can you do that babies can't?
- Feely bag: what baby item can you feel?
- Role-play area: baby cots, pushchairs, bottles, baby weighing clinic
- Ask questions to see if you can find out about this baby's family
- Let's guess what is in your hands
- Favourite songs – which ones do you like best?

Songs and Rhymes:

- *Pat-a-cake*
- *Peek-a-boo*
- *Rock-a-bye baby*
- *I had a little nut tree*
- *Round and round the garden*

Physical Development

- Make an obstacle course for doll/ teddy
- Chalk lines – keep pushchair on line and tiptoe along line
- Sand tray, spoons and baby bowls – can you scoop and fill a baby's bowl?
- Baby bottles in water tray: pouring
- Teats, rings and bottles - can you screw the lids on the bottles?
- Can you dress the doll carefully and do up the poppers and buttons?
- How do babies/ you show that they/ you are tired?
- Fold baby's clothes
- Move your body in different ways
- Can you get from one side to the other without stepping on the floor?
- How far and high can you throw the beanbag?
- Hop and jump into playground squares

Growing - Babies/ Me

Mathematics

- Sort baby clothes by size
- Baby's bottles: which bottle will empty the fastest? Use different flowing teats
- Compare baby dolls – which is heaviest/ smallest?
- Scoops and sand: how many level scoops to fill the bottle?
- How many rattles in the feely bag – one, two or more?
- How much can your hand hold?
- How many people are in your family
- How old am I? Put the candles into the cake (dough)
- How old is teddy today? Count the candles
- How heavy are you?

Expressive Arts and Design

- Don't wake the baby (using percussion instruments)
- Paint a picture for a baby
- Make up lullabies for babies: can you make soothing sounds?
- Make a mobile to hang up in a room
- Rattles, squeakers: what sounds can you make?
- Musical follow my leader
- Mix paint with your hands
- Make patterns and marks with your fist, palms,

Literacy

- Alliteration game: baby books, baby bites, baby barks etc
- Hunt your name in the room
- Post your name in the box
- Write a list of your favourite foods

Stories:

- *Mr Davies & the baby*
- *Mrs Goose's baby*
- *Can you sleep Little Bear?*
- *My Mum and Dad make me laugh*
- *Avocado Baby*
- *Helpers*
- *My own Big Bed*
- *Brand new baby*

Ideas for parents:

- Show pictures of their child when they were a baby
- Point out babies in prams and pushchairs
- Talk to your child about things you used to do when you were children.
- Visit a friend or neighbour who has a baby
- Compare hand sizes in the family
- Look in the mirror and describe features