

Shape

Ideas for Parents –

Circles

- Find any objects in the kitchen which are a circle shape e.g. plates, saucers, and clocks.
- Talk about any food that can be a circle shape e.g. cakes, tarts, pancakes.
- Using sticky circle shapes, make a circle picture or pattern. Use the words “round” and “curved”.
- Try painting some circles using different colours. Paint some small ones and some big ones.
- If you can find enough people, play circle games e.g. (Here we go round the mulberry bush”, “Ring a ring of roses” and many more.
- Find some different shaped objects to print with e.g. cotton reels, tubes, cups and make an interesting shape picture.
- Go outside and look for shapes in nature.

Triangles

- Look at the roof of your house and any other roofs. Can you see any triangular shapes?
- When you go out, notice all the triangular road signs

Squares

- Talk about the properties of a square i.e. it has four sides that are all the same length.
- Try to find objects in the home that are squares e.g. cushions, seats, windows, rugs.

Rectangles

- Have a selection of books available and before looking at them or reading them talk about the shape. Most of them will be rectangular in shape.
- Look at different houses and/or pictures of houses. Can you see any rectangles? Count them.
- Inside, look at shapes of tables, worktops, beds etc. What other items are rectangular in shape?
- Use pan scrubs (rectangular ones) and using the sponge part let the children print with them. Other sponges can be cut into different sized rectangles.

