



## St Joseph's Catholic Academy

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Dear Parents and Children,

It has been so nice to hear your voices on the telephone and I have loved hearing all about the fabulous things you have been learning at home and more importantly that you are all happy and safe. Miss Stanyer really enjoys hearing how clever you are all getting and we miss you very much.

We hope that you all enjoyed learning about your home and the names of some of the big and little things that you find in there and hearing some of the sounds they make. Did you manage to guess what any of them were? Have a look at these talking flash cards, how many do you know? Google: **Around the house, Talking Flashcards**. Mable Leaf Learning: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L3nigtEU7rE>

This week we are going to be looking at your house and thinking about the shapes we can use to make our very own house, before we do that, have a look at this short video **Shapes for Toddlers, Building a house, Early maths for pre-school, Kids Academy**: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z3\\_A-S8cbKU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z3_A-S8cbKU)

What shapes did you see? Have a try at making your own shape house. Parents, if you could please cut out 1 big square, 1 big triangle, 4 small squares and 1 small rectangle and help your child to construct a house. Ask your child: What shape would be good to use as a roof? How many windows has your house got? Can you name the shapes? How many sides do they have?

To help you learn the names of the shapes, have a look at the **singing Walrus, shape songs for kids YouTube** (3 mins 47seconds): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DT-7wnipayw>

Have a look around your house, can you find any more shapes?

To get your bodies moving join in with the **Fun song factory - build a house**: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eTx1kREwlh0>

### Activities

- Have a go at making a homemade den in your house, using chairs as the walls and drape a bed sheet over the top for the roof. Put some cushions inside and have a story or put some plates in there and have an indoor picnic.
- In a bag or box, one at a time hide an everyday object from your house. Ask your child to feel around to see if they can guess what they are feeling: a toothbrush, sponge, banana, plastic cup, feather duster, spoon etc.
- On your daily walk, have a look at houses that look like yours and have a look at houses that look different and talk about why. These are great opportunities to introduce lots of new words with your child. Can you see a square, circle, rectangle or triangle anywhere?
- Playdough - give your child household utensils to use like a fork, spoon, pizza cutter or spatula.



- As one of the children's learning goals is to copy household activities, let your child help with wiping the table or, in a washing up bowl, add some bubbles and a sponge and let your child wash some plastic plates and bowls- this will keep them amused for ages!
- Can you paint a picture of a house using the shapes you have been learning?

Next week we are going to be looking at the story of The Three Little Pigs, and what materials they used to make their houses.

We hope that you enjoy some new activities and ideas to help your child's learning at home. I am looking forward to speaking to you all soon.

Take care, stay safe,

Mrs Tabbenor, Miss Stanyer and Miss Gazey.