

Key Workers/ People Who Help Us – Activity ideas

English / Drawing	Maths	Science / Art / Play
<p>Police / Detective – What’s Missing? <i>(tray, tea towel, range of objects and some words or letters)</i></p> <p>This is a version of ‘Kim’s game’ that can include discussion of the detective’s job of discovering what’s missing and following clues.</p> <p>Set up a range of objects and words/letters on the tray then cover. Let the children discover the tray and repeat with them the things they can see. Then cover the tray and while they close their eyes remove an object. If you’re feeling ambitious, hide the object/word and leave some clues for them to follow!</p>	<p>Postal Workers – Play Postie <i>(old birthday cards/paper/envelopes, a box with a letter slot, post its, a postie ‘sack’)</i></p> <p>Set up some sort of ‘street’, with post-its marking different ‘house numbers’. These can be spread around the house, garden, hallway or just your carpet. Set up your post box. Make sure your cards/envelopes include the number where they need to be delivered! Post all the cards, then children have to empty the box into their ‘sack’ and deliver the post.</p> <p>You can involve some role play or further writing if it’s appropriate. Make sure you discuss which number is ‘next door’, and talk about ‘one more, one less, etc.</p>	<p>Fire Fighters - Put the fire out! <i>(Chalk, watering can, spray or hosepipe)</i></p> <p>Outside in the garden or on the wall of your house draw some flames or words for the firefighters to erase. Once they get the house on the chalk and the flames disappear they have done their job as a firefighter! Alternatively draw on the floor, or erase the chalk with watering cans brushes and water.</p>
<p>Bus Drivers – Letter Journey <i>(Some sort of ‘bus’ or a box to be the bus, post-its, words/letters, masking tape)</i></p> <p>This one incorporates both numbers and letters or words.</p> <p>Set up some sort of road with the tape on the floor. Add post-it bus-stops along the route, and distribute the letters or words at the bus-stops. Drive the bus along the route and pick up your passengers, encourage counting of bus stops and passengers. At the end of the route empty the bus</p>	<p>Shop Workers - Play Shop <i>(pretend food/groceries, or real ones! Post-its, Paper/pens, coins/tokens, till/container)</i></p> <p>Set up a small ‘shop’, using whatever objects you have at home. If you don’t have a toy till use a box or container etc. A range of ideas for this one:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Price up each object using post-its, then buy and sell items. ● Extend by buying multiple items and modelling how to add, and calculate change etc. 	<p>Road-Workers - Let’s Dig Up the Road! <i>(tray/box, sand, toy diggers or small spades)</i></p> <p>Bury some obstacles in the sand to make it challenging, then tell children they have to dig a new road through the land. Make it into a treasure hunt or letter hunt if they need a bit more motivation!</p>

<p>and rearrange the letters or words into order for a sentence or the alphabet.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organise items on the shelves by size, price, weight. <p>[If you've already done this task, you can adapt it to explore weights and measures]</p>	
<p>Refuse Collectors – Bin Monster <i>(a box for the bin monster/'refuse collection', words or letters)</i></p> <p>Write some words or sounds for children to spell. Write the letters on paper and cut up and make a cheat sheet for them to follow. Scatter and mix the letters in a pile. Tell children the refuse vehicle/ Bin Monster! is coming and they have to spell the following words correctly. They need to add the letters in the right order into the refuse vehicle.</p>	<p>Doctors and Nurses – Medicine Makers <i>(Liquids, different colours of possible, or different consistency, glitter/flour depending how adventurous or messy it gets! Underbed box/plastic tray, measuring spoons or syringes)</i></p> <p>Set up your box/tray with bottles or bowls full of different colour liquids and ingredients. Challenge children to make their own medicine. Encourage them to measure their ingredients and write down their measures if they can.</p>	<p>Make / Role Play – craft ideas: <i>(junk modelling stuff, paint, paper)</i></p> <p>Lollipop Men/women: make them a new lollipop.</p> <p>Teachers: Make an id badge to use if you were a teacher.</p> <p>Emergency Workers: Make an emergency vehicle / uniform to wear.</p> <p>Buildings: make a hospital, vets, shop, fire station.</p> <p>Doctor/Nurse: make a stethoscope or face mask.</p> <p>Police: make a police officer's hat or handcuffs.</p>

Resources:

Cardboard and any other 'junk' you can source.

Post-its

Food colouring

Glitter / flour

Masking tape

Sand

Greetings Cards

Chalk

Tray

Tea Towel

(The above planning is a combination of my own ideas and ideas from twinkl.co.uk, [@fiveminutemum](https://www.instagram.com/fiveminutemum), [@beckys_treasure_baskets](https://www.instagram.com/beckys_treasure_baskets).)