

Things we like to do at home

# By Children and Families from the Picture Book Program

We’ve been thinking about things we like to do at home. Waking up to the song of magpies, making purple playdough piggies, singing songs, reading stories and helping with the cooking. What do you like?

**Home is where children find a sense of belonging. Children’s sense of identity begins at home and grows as they venture into the neighbourhood and the wider community. As children participate in everyday life, they develop interests and construct their own identities and understanding of the world.**

Listen to our song online and sing along with the lyrics at the back of the book.

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### About this project

The Picture Book Program 2016 is a partnership between two branches of the City Communities Group within the City of Melbourne – Community Services (Family Services) and Arts Melbourne (ArtPlay). The program is designed to engage families from within the municipality. It aims to encourage an awareness and enjoyment of literacy and the creative process, in a fun and supportive environment.

The illustrations, text, and music in this book were created by the attending families, using everyday materials, curiosity, and experimentation. The result is a book and a song to be enjoyed again and again.

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Things We Like To Do Outside

Curious Creatures

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# Things we like to do at home

Run into bed for cuddles with Ama.

Who is coming? It is Dada!

Home is where the people I love are!

Slide down the cushions

3,2,1...

Ready or not, here I come!

Home is where beautiful memories are!

Time for music, time to dance

Wiggle and twist and twirl and bounce.

Home is where

I can be myself!

Help with the cooking, hungry tummy.

Stir the pho and chop, chop - yummy!

Home is where the food is!

Rain on the window pitter-patter.

Reading stories chitter-chatter.

Home is where the love is!

# Activities

### Natural Water Colour Painting

### You will need:

* Turmeric
* Paprika
* Sliced beetroot
* Tea leaves and tea bags
* Coffee
* Cocoa
* Water
* Paint brush
* Paper

### Instructions:

## Place the paper on the table. Create the colours by mixing each of the spices and food items with water in separate containers. Provide no more than 4 colours at a time. When using the sliced beetroot allow your child to move it around with their hands. Dunk the tea bags into the different containers to change the colours. If you want to keep the colours separate, have a glass of water to wash brushes out between using each colour. Before you start painting, explore the colours with your nose. What can you smell?

## Shaving Cream Stack

### You will need:

* Shaving Cream
* Recycled materials, for example: sponge shapes, all sizes of cardboard boxes, plastic bottle tops and bottles, coloured paper, straws etc. (Anything that is light in weight)

### Instructions:

## Fill a container with shaving cream. Display recycled materials on the table or floor so your child can explore and choose what they desire. Show your child that the shaving cream works like glue, then allow them to explore and build stacks with the materials.

## Did you know?

Have a look around the house. What familiar items and ingredients can easily and safely be turned into something children can play with? Our homes are a treasure trove of resources for learning and developing children’s sensory, motor and communication skills.Things We Like To Do At Home Lyrics

[Follow this sound cloud link to sing along](https://soundcloud.com/artplay-picture-book/things-we-like-to-do-at-home)[[1]](#footnote-1)

Wake up to the song of magpies

Run into bed for cuddles with Ama

Feet are stomping down the hall

Who is coming? It’s Dada!

Home is where the people I love are!

Jump on the sofa

Slide down the cosy cushions

10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

Hide under the table, hide behind the door

Ready or not, here I come!

Home is where the beautiful memories are!

Make purple play dough piggies

Play peek-a-boo with my dolls in the bath

Time for music, time to dance

Wiggle, twist, twirl and laugh

Home is where I can be myself!

Hungry tummy, help with the cooking

Stir the Pho and chop, chop, chop

Crunchy carrots and smooth apples

Creamy porridge in the pot

Home is where the food is!

Rain pitter-patter on the window

Snuggle up on the sofa with teddy

Watch the gumtree sway in the wind

Sing songs, read stories, feel so happy.

Home is where I feel safe and warm!

Home is the most beautiful place in the world!

Home is where the love is!

1. https://soundcloud.com/artplay-picture-book/things-we-like-to-do-at-home [↑](#footnote-ref-1)