

Speech and Language Therapy Christmas Holiday 2013 Homework

This Christmas we are giving ideas for activities that focus on drawing and writing. Not only will these activities help develop your child's fine motor coordination, but will also help with their receptive and expressive language skills.

Apps to try:

- Download the "Drawing pad" app. Ask your child to draw a specific picture e.g. "draw a brown cat" (younger children with lower level language) or "draw a red circle in the middle of the screen or "draw a black cross above the circle" (older children with higher level language). Look at your child's targets in their blue speech folder to give you an idea of words you could use in these instructions. By encouraging your child to follow specific instructions you are also helping them to learn new prepositions and concepts. You could also get your child to be the teacher and give you instructions as to what you should draw.
- Download the "Glow draw" app. This app can be used to teach your child comparatives and superlatives: "Draw a big circle. Now draw an even bigger circle and now the biggest circle that fits on the screen".
- "iWrite Words" and "ABCs Writer" will also help to develop your child's handwriting skills.

Other ideas:

- The drawing activities mentioned above can also be played with paper and colouring pens.
- Revise work done this term - go through the worksheets in your child's blue folder. If there are any pictures, use these during a turn-taking game your child enjoys. After each turn your child picks up a picture and uses the target word/phrase.

Have a lovely Christmas and we look forward to working with your child again next term.

The Speech and Language Therapy Team

