



## Kiwi Team students working at home UNPLUGGED ideas:

- Learn how to tie shoelaces
- Cook or bake something - learn how to follow a recipe
- Read together (ask questions about what they're reading, read together, make predictions, discuss why characters behave the way they do)
- Be physical (do yoga, play tiggy, play netball/soccer, shoot hoops, ballon batting inside)
- Build fine motor skills (draw, knit, colour, crochet, cross stitch, sew, weave)
- Talk about dreams, hopes, fears.
- Build towers, make a fort, teepee, bridge etc.
- Write - e.g. a thank you letter to your grandparents, aunties, parents etc, write a diary, write instructions to do some basic tasks, have an experience or draw a picture and write about it
- Maths activities with lego (sorting lego into categories i.e by colour, number); card games; baking and helping with measuring ingredients.
- Make cards for grandparents, school friends, loved ones.
- Email teachers with letters; photos of their learning
- Create little books, include pictures, stories, parents can support children by writing for children, children can copy stories underneath.
- Create, make, play with empty cardboard boxes, milk bottle lids, plastic bottles, (anything that you may want to throw out).
- Gardening; plant seeds, draw pictures of progress, write instructions on planting.
- Go into your garden - look for bugs, collect leaves
- Make and create with playdough -
  - You will need
  - ¼ cup Salt
  - 3 tablespoons oil
  - 1 cup boiling water
  - 3 cups flour
  - Food colouring
  - Method
  - **1.** Mix the salt and oil together. You will find that the salt soaks up most of the oil and becomes quite dry.
  - **2.** Pour in the boiling water and stir until the salt is dissolved.
  - **3.** Add a few drops of food colouring.
  - **4.** Slowly add the flour, stirring as you go. Keep adding flour until a soft dough forms, then tip the dough onto a bench, and knead it well before use.

That's it, you're all done! You can make up a couple more batches in different colours if you like. For something special you can add glitter, food essence or essential oil to the water as well as food colouring. The dough should last at least 3 months if stored well. To store you should try to wrap the dough in plastic wrap, and then store in a sealed container. If you find your play dough becomes moist the next day just add a little more flour and it will be as good as new.

- Painting
- Play card games:

Turn one card over and:

- ★ Identify the number
- ★ Say the number that comes before/after
- ★ Count on to 10
- ★ Count back to 1
- ★ Show the number with your fingers, pegs, bottle tops

With 2 cards:

- ★ Identify the biggest/smallest number
- ★ Find the total

With more cards:

- ★ Put them in order forwards and backwards and count
- ★ Turn over 3/4 random cards and place them smallest to largest or largest to smallest
- ★ Memory - spread 2 suits out on the table face-up and find the pairs. Later, turn the cards upside down, turning 2 at a time until all pairs are found
- ★ Play 'snap'
- ★ Play 'fish' - "I have a 5, do you have a 5?"

### Activities you can do at home

What can you do when there's no school and you're stuck at home?  
Here are 16 fun things to choose from!

<b>1</b>  Read a book to yourself, a toy, your siblings or parents! Record the name of your book on your recording sheet	<b>2</b>  Get building! Use cards, blocks, toys, lego or something else to create or build something!	<b>3</b>  Get creative! Use paper, crafts, pens, pencils and draw or create something! The sky is the limit - show off your creative talent	<b>4</b>  Explore your back or front yard looking for insects. What did you find? Draw a picture of the insects you were able to see.
<b>5</b>  Build a reading fort using sheets or blankets in your house. Bring in your toys and read or play in there.	<b>6</b>  Turn on some music and create a dance! Share this with your family members in a mini show.	<b>7</b>  Write a letter to your teacher sharing some of things you have done at home. Remember to add some pictures!	<b>8</b>  Do some chores. Write a list of 3 jobs you will do at home on a day. Get those done so you can help mum and dad out.
<b>9</b>  Take some photos of the landscape around your house. What does your house look like? What plants do you have?	<b>10</b>  Design And make your own game! Create your own game board, pieces, rules and play it with your family.	<b>11</b>  Complete some research on something that interests you. Ask Siri some questions to find out 4 facts and record it on the sheet.	<b>12</b>  Create a treasure map of hidden things around your house with 'X' marking the spot. Give it to a family member to use.
<b>13</b>  Read a book to yourself, a toy, your siblings or parents! Record the name of your book on your recording sheet	<b>14</b>  Write 10 key words from around your house. Make them with the playdough and take a photo of your creation.	<b>15</b>  Create a toy puppet out of an old sock. Add on some eyes, clothes and hair using things from your home.	<b>16</b>  Make a meal with your family. Find the ingredients, cook it together and write instructions on what you did.

If you want to, share a photo of your activities on Seesaw. Use the photo tool to take a photo of what you have done!



## Kiwi Team learning at home DIGITAL ideas:

When children learn from home, it's important to make sure they stay safe online. Here's a simple, **FREE** way to block the worst of the web - <https://switchonsafety.co.nz/>

### Literacy:

Epic - digital stories - <https://www.getepic.com/>

Reading Eggs - <https://sso.readingeggs.com/login?>

Ready to Read series - <http://instructionalseries.tki.org.nz/Instructional-Series/Ready-to-Read>

Lots of great stories that are read to children: <https://storytime.rnz.co.>:>:?.nz/>

Childrens stories and songs - <https://www.rnz.co.nz/programmes/best-of-storytime-rnz>

Free Books Online:

[https://loving2read.com/?fbclid=IwARID-twP-ZMo9-xTLfbP3CYKpUAsryBJ2i\\_oqn7UKILOPaQMjtKPN6825zO](https://loving2read.com/?fbclid=IwARID-twP-ZMo9-xTLfbP3CYKpUAsryBJ2i_oqn7UKILOPaQMjtKPN6825zO)

Phonics practise - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ffeZXPtTGC4>

Jack Hartmann music channel (for maths and literacy support)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVcQH8A634mauPrGbWs7QIQ>

Pobble 365 - Writing prompts and starters - <http://www.pobble365.com/>

Students pick an image to write about - <http://www.pobble365.com/>

Stepsweb - <https://stepsweb.com/> (If you are having problems logging in or using Stepsweb, please contact Liz for some assistance - [lizc@geps.school.nz](mailto:lizc@geps.school.nz))

### Maths:

Maths game - <https://www.prodigygame.com/>

NZ Maths website - <https://nzmaths.co.nz/families-and-wh-nau>

Matific - <https://www.matific.com/nz/en-nz/login-page/>

### Science:

Nanogirl science ideas - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeS5f-t2Mzqfmk9HdLRGuXw>

Nanogirl's science adventures (Radio NZ)

<https://www.rnz.co.nz/programmes/nanogirls-great-science-adventures>

### Other:

Online resources - [www.twinkl.co.uk/offer](http://www.twinkl.co.uk/offer) enter the code NZLTwinklHELPS

Clever Pickles (Handwriting) -

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeAVMWpBvRua4LXe3kiSnEQ?fbclid=IwARID-twP-ZMo9-xTLfbP3CYKpUAsryBJ2i\\_oqn7UKILOPaQMjtKPN6825zO](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeAVMWpBvRua4LXe3kiSnEQ?fbclid=IwARID-twP-ZMo9-xTLfbP3CYKpUAsryBJ2i_oqn7UKILOPaQMjtKPN6825zO)

A podcast for curious children (and adults) - <https://www.brainson.org/>

### **Art:**

Lots of 'how to draw' videos

Lunch Doodles with Mo Willems - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RmzjCPQv3y8>

Crafts for kids - <https://www.thesprucecrafts.com/10-minute-crafts-for-kids-1250670>

Crafts - <https://www.happinessishomemade.net/quick-easy-kids-crafts-anyone-can-make/>

Art and craft ideas: Pinterest

### **Physical Movement**

Dance and Exercise/ mindfulness/ brain breaks - <https://www.gonoodle.com/for-families/>

### **History**

Great NZ History channel (probably more suited for year 3 and up, but families could watch together and discuss) - <https://www.rnz.co.nz/programmes/the-aotearoa-history-show>

### **Digital Technology**

Learning Code - <https://code.org/learn> (The Moana Game)

### **Māori:**

Takaro Tube (Videos in Te Reo dance and learning Te Reo for year O-2)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H3WouENjkjI>

Wai Ako - At this link you can get a free login to use the first 6 waiata of Wai Ako for the next 4 weeks:

[https://www.waiako.com/orders/customer\\_info?o=26446](https://www.waiako.com/orders/customer_info?o=26446)

### **Other Ideas:**

If they have access to a tablet. Create movies; video diaries

List of apps students are familiar with: reading eggs; prodigy; book creator; pic collage