

# Summer of fun

42 days of summer can seem quite daunting, so here's a few tips for having a wonderful summer of fun.....



## Tips for a summer of fun

### Plan

- Plan lots of activities and days out from craft, to outdoor play, to games , to picnics.
- Use **pinterest**, it is my personal biggest sanity saver!
- Write a [summer bucket list](#) of all the activities/places to visit you'd like to do/see. I love my bucket list as it means I always have ideas and inspiration up my sleeve, for all those rainy days and times when we are in desperate need of some boredom busters.
- You don't need to spend a lot of money to have a good time, there are loads of free things to do.

## Free play

- Allow plenty of time for free play, both with the kids and where the children can play on their own, it is good for them and allows parents some breathing space.
- Have a few chill out days too.
- Try not to over plan, or it can seem like the kids are still at school.

## Encourage helpfulness

- Encourage the children to help out around the house, this assists you with the chores and also allows you, as a parent to spend more quality time with the kids.
- Examples: washing the car together, cooking dinner, hanging out the washing. These are all things my children have been enjoying this summer. I'm sure there are loads your kids could help with, whilst having fun at the same time, depending on their age.

## 42 Ideas for free summer fun

1. Walks
2. [Nature walks](#)
3. Scavenger hunts (use pinterest to print off a hunt before you go)
4. Parks
5. [Water play](#)
6. Bubbles
7. Ball games
8. [Cycling](#)
9. Scooters
10. Building dens
11. Bug hunts
12. [Picnics](#)
13. Cooking
14. [Making potions](#)
15. Making pictures with nature
16. Chalking
17. [Paddling pool](#)
18. [Painting](#)
19. Ice play
20. Tree climbing
21. [Splash about on a boat](#)
22. Playdoh
23. Dancing
24. Practice handstands, cart wheels, roll polys
25. Rolling down a hill
26. Muddy puddle jumping
27. [Splash/swim in the sea](#)
28. [Beach play](#)
29. Go geocaching

30. Craft with nature
31. Do a reading challenge
32. Fly a kite
33. Board games
34. Have a water fight
35. Invite friends to play
36. Make a teepee
37. Do some simple science experiments
38. Make a your own sports day
39. Try some messy play with shaving foam
40. Camp out for the night
41. Stay up late one night for a spot of star gazing
42. Keep a journal

This summer we have been having so much fun together as a family it's difficult to include it all. We have been on the beach, splashing in the sea, splashing about in dinghy's, crab fishing, making a waterfall wall, having paddling pool fun, riding bikes and scooters, going on walks, crafting, cooking and having many many picnics, just to name some of the fun!

I love Pinky's crab pose in this photo, it makes me smile every time I look at it!



On our picnics, we have been trying these yummy BN Biscuits from McVities. They have a face on them with a cheeky wink, which means the kids think they are great fun, gradually eating the eyes, the mouth etc. We tried two flavours, chocolate and raspberry, both are delicious, but I think the children's favourite are the chocolate ones. My children have devoured these biscuits at almost every picnic we have had this summer. I find them great to take out, as they are relatively mess free, but still have a delicious chocolate or raspberry filling in the middle, which means perfect for

picnics!



Here is a video of some of the fun we have been having, so far this summer, please take a look for some inspiration, it should make you smile.....

I absolutely loved making this video, it has made me realise just how much wonderful fun we have all had together this summer.....it's certainly one never to forget!

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