

# 50

things to do

before you're  
**five**



Creating wonderful memories, while making sure that no-one reaches their first school experience already behind the rest of the class.

[www.50thingstodo.org](http://www.50thingstodo.org)

## What is 50 Things?

The **50 Things** project is about getting parents and carers involved in a range of activities with their children, along with appropriate guidance that will make an impact on life-long learning.

Each of the **50 Things** have been carefully developed by education experts and early years practitioners in consultation with parents. We've made sure that children with special educational needs are considered and that each of the **50 Things** means something across our culturally diverse community.



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### Little People, Park Keeper

Visit a park. Feed the ducks, go on a BIG slide and a swing, climb a climbing frame to the top, sail a boat or fly a kite.



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### Woodland Wandering

Visit your local wood. Collect acorns, conkers, sticks, spot fungus. Listen carefully. Climb a tree.

We understand that this kind of approach benefits from being presented and packaged exceptionally well to gain attention and engagement in this digital age.

*"50 things helped me connect with my child and have fun adventures together."* **Claire, parent**

## Our Mission

Starting school with a limited vocabulary puts a child at a disadvantage. Research shows that many children never recover from this early disadvantage, which impacts on their attainment, confidence, aspirations and life chances.

This fact is supported by academic research recognised by the DfE, the Education Endowment Foundation and Public Health England.

By building the skills and confidence of parents and carers, 50 Things Before Five will support experiences for children of all ages that improve their vocabulary and lay the foundations for language and literacy development.

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**50 Things Before Five** is only the starting point. Based on current success, the process is evolving to include other age groups.

before you're **seven**      before you're **eleven**



## Local Context



### **St Edmund's**

Nursery School and  
Children's Centre Services

Created by the team at St Edmund's Nursery School, Bradford, **50 Things** was launched at the Houses of Parliament in 2018 and is currently being developed by an increasing number of Local Authorities; and interest is growing all the time.

Local context is critical to the success of **50 Things** – all activities need to be locally available. Every region has slightly different challenges, and different inspirational experiences.

#### **The 50 Things project;**

- ✓ **promotes the benefits of experiential learning**
- ✓ **helps to close the attainment gap**
- ✓ **creates greater equity**
- ✓ **extends vocabulary**
- ✓ **supports parents and carers who might lack confidence in engaging with the process of learning**

**50 Things** directly meets DfE pre-school literacy priorities and helps schools to respond to Ofsted's challenge to focus on the wider curriculum.

*"I find myself asking more questions of my 4 year old because of all the 50 things ideas we do together."* **Lindsey, parent**

## What's in the box?

**50 Things** is a national initiative, so you're joining something transformational on a large scale.

There are posters for parents, activity cards, promotional materials, a mobile app and even a website for your region. All the heavy lifting has been done for you.



## Coming soon...

Our new primary phase 50 Things will support and extend Damian Hinds' vision of closing the attainment gap by tackling what he described as the 'last taboo' of education - the home learning environment.



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*“50 things to do before you're five' is a fantastic partnership initiative that encourages parents to get involved in a range of activities with their young children that will have a positive impact on their lives and help parents and their children share a variety of life experiences.”*



**Cllr Lisa Mulherin,**  
Leeds City Council's executive  
member for children and families

Leeds City Council Children's Services were recently judged outstanding by Ofsted.