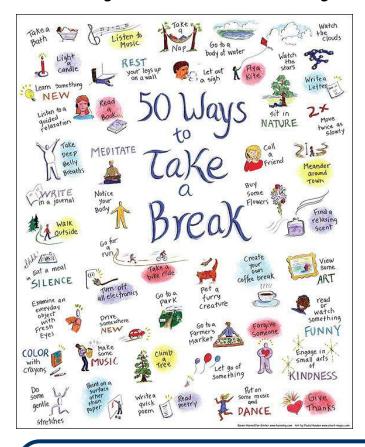
## **Early Intervention Family Worker Tips and Idea**



## Pen Pal for your child

There are many benefits to your child having a pen pal. It encourages deeper connections and builds patience (having to wait for letters to arrive). If your child has an international pen pal, it can open up their perspective to how people in different parts of the world live, too.

Written communication is often a more meaningful and genuine way to connect with and get to know someone. It also provides plenty of fun reading and writing practice. A pen pal can be a classmate, a friend, or a relative, whether near or far.

At the start of the pen pal relationship, decide together how often letters will be exchanged. Once you've agreed to some basic guidelines, keep it going. Try to respond in a timely manner. Creating a basic routine, like writing to your pen pal every Wednesday after school, helps it become a habit.

https://biglifejournal-uk.co.uk/blogs/blog/find-pen-pal-for-your-child

## How to keep my children motivated during home learning A few websites to have a read of

The consensus from teachers, education experts, child psychologist and other Mums and Dads seems to be:

Do you best with the space, time and energy you have.

Don't freak out about them falling behind, every child is in the same unprecedented position.

Make it fun and create learning moments from their interests. Combining maths and baking is a great example.

Try and be organised and follow a planned routine.

Reward effort with stickers and praise.

To check progress and understanding swop roles with your child and ask them to teach you the subject they have been learning about.

https://smartsprogs.co.uk/homeschool-your-kids-uk-corona-virus-lockdown/

https://www.oneeducation.co.uk/news-blog/keeping-children-motivated-during-lockdown

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