

Transport – Activity ideas

English / Drawing	Maths	Science / Art / Play
<p>Alphabet Car Park – (cardboard eg. flat Cereal box, pen, some toy cars/vehicles)</p> <p>Draw out a grid on the box, if you do 5 across and 6 down you will have 30 rectangles which will each fit a toy car. In each rectangle write a letter, a sound or a word that you are focusing on. Explain that they need to park the cars, give them a list or talk them through which spaces to park. You can discuss the sounds/letters then give them some to do independently (e.g. their name or given words).</p>	<p>Reg Number Hunt– (clipboard, pen)</p> <p>On a walk see if you can find all numbers one to nine on registration plates of nearby cars/signs. If you can involve tally charts or basic graphs then follow up at home.</p>	<p>Friction Experiment (one vehicle, a range of surfaces, paper, pens, tape measure or metre rule)</p> <p>This activity uses measuring skills and investigates surfaces/friction. Set up a measuring station, then look at the different materials to compare (e.g. paper, fabric, plastic, foil, grass). Make a chart to record each distance. Decide which vehicle to use each time then make some informal predictions, on which surface will the car travel furthest? Shortest distance?</p>
<p>Paper Aeroplanes – (paper/thin card, pens, scissors)</p> <p>Make one simple paper aeroplane per player (You can do this beforehand or with your child). On bits of card/paper write target letters/sounds/words. Fold these so they will stand up on their own, on a coffee table or sofa. These are the targets. Take turns throwing the planes to land knock down the targets!</p>	<p>Shape Vehicle– (Shapes to draw around if you have any, pencils, paper)</p> <p>Draw and label a vehicle of your choice using shapes. Discuss sides and corners, then discuss the best shapes for wheels etc.</p>	<p>Map Making (paper, pens)</p> <p>Choose a regular and familiar route and have a go at making a map. Pick out roads, train tracks and canals if appropriate plus anything else you can see. You could make notes as you walk or do this from memory. If you wanted to make the map in sand/soil in the garden then you could add props to represent each landmark.</p>
<p>Terrific Transport Tale – (a selection of props, e.g. a balloon, a wooden spoon, a car, a train, a few figures)</p> <p>Using a few toys or household items, sit and talk through a story trying to involve each item. It can just be a conversation or alternatively you can involve the odd written word or sentence, or take photos to string together as a story.</p>	<p>Dot-to-Dot Mystery – (Some vehicles, pen, paper, scissors)</p> <p>To prepare, draw around 5 vehicles using as many dots as your child can confidently recognise. Number the dots. Then hide the toys around the room or in a blind bag. When they've completed the dot-to-dot they have to cut out the shape and find the matching toy.</p>	<p>Craft/Messy Ideas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junk Modelling. • Paint the vehicles, then wash the vehicles! • Bridge building. • Wrap the vehicles in masking paper or string, then they have cut them free. • Water play, make a duplo maze in shallow water, then push boats around the maze.

Resources:

Pens/paper

Toy cars/vehicles

Clipboard

Cardboard

Scissors

Story props

(The above planning is a combination of my own ideas and ideas from twinkl.co.uk, [@fiveminutemum](https://www.instagram.com/fiveminutemum), [@beckys_treasure_baskets](https://www.instagram.com/beckys_treasure_baskets))