



ADVENTURE 6

TRAVEL

Activity 1 - Colour scavenger hunt

Instead of writing a list of things to collect outdoors, give each player or team a piece of paper with 9 different coloured squares drawn on it.

When everyone is ready shout "GO". The person or team who collects a full set of objects that match the colours wins.

Activity 2 - Train journey

Make a train track on the ground using chalk or sticks, leaves or pebbles. Then ask your family to sit one behind the other and pretend they are travelling on a train with you. Where are you going? What can you see out of the window? Could you pretend to be a train conductor, and collect everyone's tickets? Are there any announcements to make?

Activity 3 - Journey stick

Go on a walk with your family and pick up an interesting stick and nature treasures to remind you of things you see, hear or smell. When you get home, use string to attach your treasure to the stick in the order you found them.

Journey sticks have helped native Americans map and tell stories about their journeys for a very long time. Can your stick help tell the story of your walk?



Books to read together...

The Station Mouse By Meg McLaren





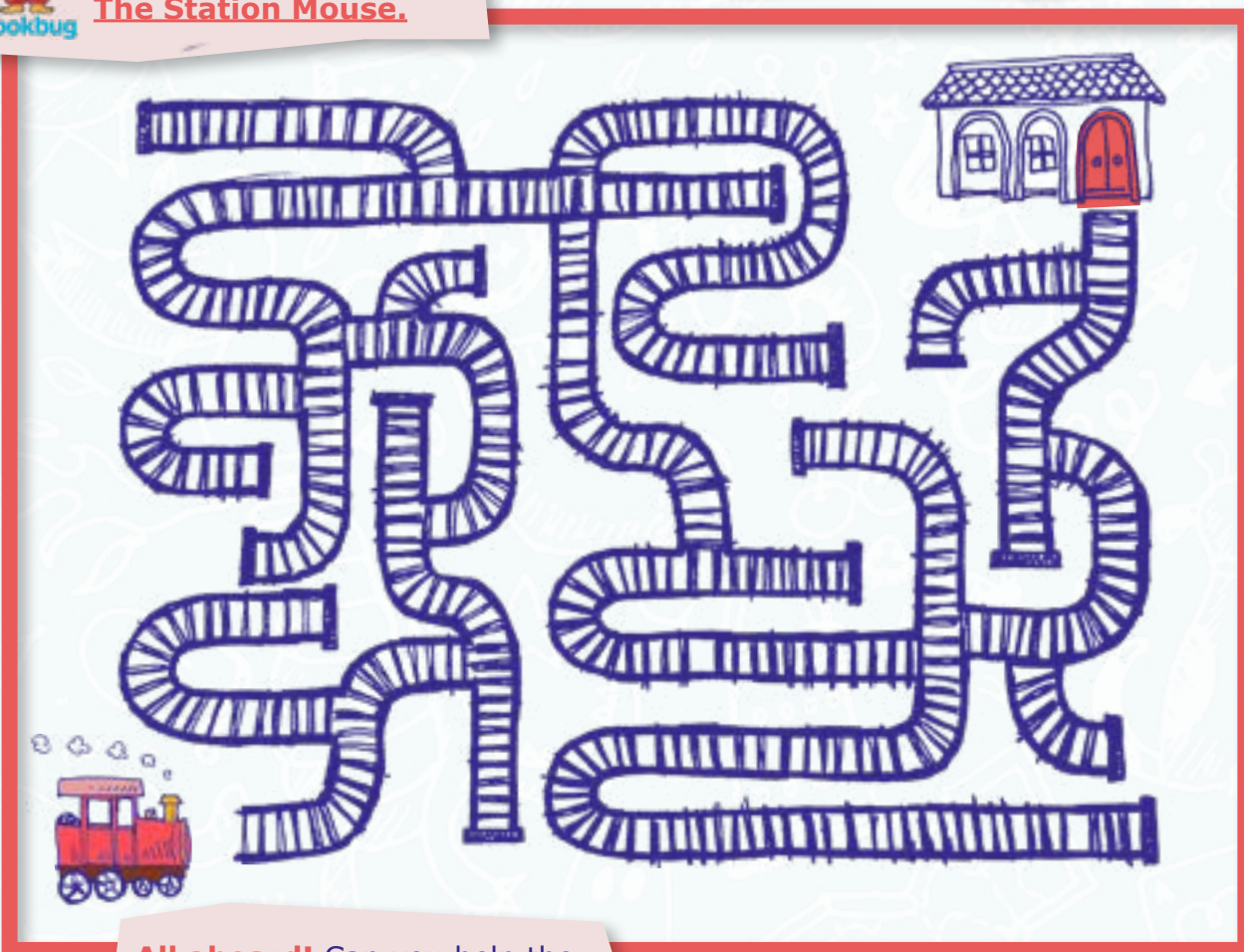
Build a twig raft, test it floats and see how many plastic toys you can fit on it. Click the link to see how to make one.



There are lots of fun games to play when you are travelling, whether you are on a bus, in a car or walking to the shops. Why not try **I spy with my little eye**, or the **banana game** – each yellow car you see shout 'banana', the first person to shout wins a point, the first to 10 points wins.



Click the link to watch author Meg McLaren read **The Station Mouse.**



All aboard! Can you help the train get to the station?





STUFF FOR GROWN-UPS

What is the Summer Family Adventure?

To celebrate the Year of Childhood **Fathers Network Scotland**, **Children's Parliament** and **Scottish Book Trust** have come up with seven adventures the whole family can enjoy together. Take a trip into space or under the sea, this summer you won't even need passport.

What is the Year of Childhood?



It's a year-long celebration of childhood running throughout 2021, hosted by **Children's Parliament**. It aims to encourage grown-ups to listen to and share ideas and experiences with children.

Why play outdoors?



We know this year has been tough for you and your children. The good news is getting your kids outside to play will really help.

Outdoor play gets kids active and lets their imaginations run wild. Play can help kids of all ages to manage their emotions and feel better. It helps kids develop both mentally and emotionally, stay healthy, and have fun. It'll stop them bouncing off the walls at home, and the fresh air even helps them sleep. Getting outside is just as important for grown-ups physical and mental health, too!

Your family doesn't need a great big open park on your doorstep or even a garden to enjoy the outdoors. You can play outdoors anywhere, even just a walk along the street can be a great chance to have some fun together.

Need more toys?



Do your kids want some different toys to play with? Did you know there are toy libraries across Scotland. You can find them at: [Playworks Dumfries](#) • [Lorn Toy Library](#) • [Play Borders](#) • [Gorgie/Dalry Toy Library](#) • [Blackness Toy Library](#) • [Shetland Pre-School Play](#) • [Campbelltown Toy Library](#) • [Midlothian Play Base](#) • [Play Plus Toy Library](#) • [Merry Go Round Toy Library](#)

Find out more from the [Smart Play Network](#).



We'd love to hear what you get up to!
Hashtag:

#SummerFamilyAdventure
#YearofChildhood2021

Why learn together?

We are sure you deserve a huge pat on the back for all the playing and homeschooling you have done this year. But do you know how much it matters? Spending time helping your kid's learn is one of the best ways to improve how well they do at school!

We've use the **Bookbug** and **Read, Write, Count** books gifted to children across Scotland to inspire each adventure. There are some fun books to read together and easy writing and counting activities each week. Scottish Book trust have also created a great resource to help make the most of your **Bookbug explorer bag** as well as a **home activities hub** for children of all ages.

All of the books detailed are also available in libraries across Scotland. Libraries are a wonderful, free resource for readers and writers of all ages. Find out about everything libraries can offer, including Scottish Book Trust activities, [HERE](#).

