**Fun things to do before starting school**

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| **Activity** | **Rationale** |
| Bake a cake | Weighing, observing changes, vocab: mix, amount, add; gross motor movements |
| Make a den | Gross motor; choosing materials |
| Make an ice lolly | Changes, melt, freeze, pouring |
| Make some “perfume” with flower petals | Masking, describing, adding |
| Hunt for bugs | Observing, naming, caring |
| Go on the bus | Notice surroundings, differences, sounds  (This one may need to wait until after the current pandemic restrictions.) |
| Play a board/card game | Taking turns, counting on |
| Post a letter (to yourself?) | Writing, how things work |
| Tell a story and ask an adult to write it down | Expressing and retelling, inventing |
| Make a map of journey | Observing; recording |
| Join the library | If possible |
| Make a garden on a plate | Arranging and selecting |
| Plant a seed/potato/plant | Nurturing; know food is grown |
| Make a treasure/scavenger hunt | Follow instructions, noticing |
| Make playdough | Follow recipe; weighing; fine motor |
| Dip in a pond/stream | Respect for nature; gross motor |
| Go for a walk in the dark | Using senses-describe changes |
| Look at the stars and find the “plough” | Recognise the world in space |