

Cumbria County Council

Early Years Team

**What can I do
today?**



This week it is... paper

Friday

Snipping with scissors

- Save scrap paper to practice scissor skills with your child. This is an important skill to master!
- Help your child to hold the scissors in the correct grip (try drawing a little smiley face on their thumb nail to remind them which way up to hold their hand!)
- At first get your child to make simple little snips around the edge of a piece of paper or cut through thin strips of paper. You may need to help them hold the paper so watch your fingers!
- Once they have got the hang of the grasp and release (open and closing) of the scissors they can move on to cutting longer lines.
- Try drawing lines for them to follow on paper.
- Try making the lines curvy or zigzag for extra challenge or try to cut out simple shapes.
- You could try cutting card as it offers more resistance or even playdough or herbs or leaves (check they are not toxic)