

Hi All,

These are a few ideas for how to keep your children **'thinking big'** during their time away from school. You could try to use two of the following ideas over the course of a week. If you type **'What's the big idea?'** into your internet browser, the **CBeebies** series will come up. Check out these little programmes – they are great for thinking and talking.



If, for example, you choose the programme that looks at the concept of **'Big'**, take an object with you (a cup, a toy elephant, a raisin, a shoe). Watch the internet clip and begin a conversation with your child about **'what is big?'** and discuss whether you both agree. Now imagine what big would look like if you were an ant/a giant . . .

Provide paper, paints, pencils, glue . . . and leave your child to make a picture about what **'Big'** means to them. This is about creative expression and your child can make anything they like. Once complete, have a conversation about what has been made. Ask your child to **'explain a bit more'**, using the word **'because'**. Please feel free to add pictures on Twitter with the hashtag **#P4C**.

More **'What's the Big Idea?'** titles that are also great –

- **Old** – take a clock with you or an old photo – what is time? Where does time come from? Do we need time? Why? What would happen without it? . . .
- **Friends** – bring along a teddy bear or a plant- Can we be friends with anything? What is a friend? Do we all need friends? Is it okay not to have a friend? . . .
- **Love** – bring along an object that you love – What is love? What can you love? Who can love? Can a tree love? Who says? . . .
- **Clever** – Bring along a book or a mixing spoon – What is clever? Who is clever? How do you know? Is it okay not to be clever? Why? What can you be clever at? . . .

There are lots more titles and **REMEMBER** – there's no single right answer. What you think and what your child thinks are equally valuable. **TRY NOT TO 'correct'** your child's thinking. Listen and share in big thinking together. It's a wonderful experience – getting inside your child's thinking! **Have fun!!!**

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