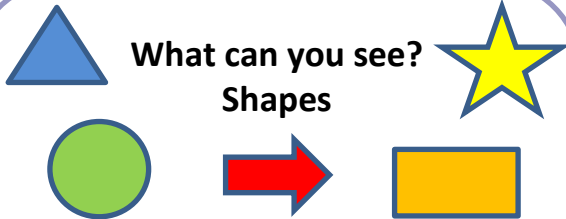




## Activity ideas to support Learning at Home Early Years Service, Children's Services Buckinghamshire Council



What can you see?  
Shapes

Help your child to point out shapes as you go for a walk or find them around the house. For older children, talk about the number of **edges**, are they **straight** or **curved**? Any **corners**?



**Chatter Spotter**  
Communication and  
Language Week

**What happens when you splash in a puddle, or if it is raining?**

**What can you see, how does it feel?**

Talk about the circles that are made when you jump in a puddle, how the water **splashes** up and then falls down and makes **ripples** – does it make you're your trousers wet? What does that feel like? What shape are raindrops on a window?



How many triangles can you see in an umbrella? Do you have one at home that you could open so that you can count them?

**Where do you look? Anywhere!**



**Arrows**, circles and a swan. With older children also talk about colours and direction e.g. **up**, **across**, **diagonal**, possibly left and right.



**Circles and Triangles**

Can you see the **circles** and **triangles** in these pictures – can your children spot them? Use the opportunity to practise counting too.



**Doorways: shapes and colours**

An **arch** – but what shapes can you see in the **panels**, **door handle** and **hinges**? What different colours can you see?



### Diamonds and Rectangles

Diamonds and rectangles can be found in so many places – how many can you find? Don't forget to look for letters too.



### Prints in the Mud

Here is a dog's paw print and a shoe print in mud. Can you find any yourselves? Are they bigger or smaller than your own feet? Talk about how the shapes are very different. Can your child make shapes in mud with their boots or hands?

### Shapes in the natural environment



This old tree fell down in a storm, if you use your imagination you can see a strange face in it. See if you can find strange shapes where you live, indoors or outside, help your child to make up stories about them, or describe what they can see



This tree has been cut, the end of it is **Oval** shaped

So, wrap up warm, put on your gloves and boots and see what shapes you can find in your local area. If you can't go outside...there's plenty to be found indoors too.