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(FAMILIES)

It takes a Whole Community to Educate a Child



Spring Term

Family Learning Activities

A selection of spring themed activities which are perfect to enjoy together.

As we approach Easter it would be lovely to see lots of windows across the community decorated with Easter bunting!



Easter Egg Bunting

Create a string of beautiful Easter egg bunting to brighten up your home. Once you have made an egg shaped template and cut out a multitude of eggs this simple art activity has so many creative possibilities. How about hanging them in your windows for the Easter bunny and your neighbours to enjoy?



You will need:

- Paper plain or coloured
- Paint, brushes/washable marker pens
- Glue
- Scissors
- String
- Optional - decorative materials such as doilies, vegetables for printing.

Instructions:

- First, make an egg shaped template. To make a symmetrical egg fold a piece of paper in half and draw half an egg, cut it out, unfold the paper. This is your template.
- Using the template trace an egg shape on to another sheet of paper and cut it out with a pair of scissors.
- Draw a pattern on the egg shaped paper with a pencil and then paint or colour it in as brightly as possible.
- Repeat to make lots of pretty eggs.
- Make a hole at the top of each egg and thread a piece of string or use pegs to hang them up for display.

Options:

- Experiment using different materials such as vegetables or cotton buds instead of paintbrushes.
- Or, colour a doily with markers, being careful not to rip the doily. Brush water on the doily with a paint brush so that the marker runs like water colours and set it aside to dry. Trace the paper egg onto the doily and cut out the doily. Glue the doily to the paper.



Family Hand Print Keepsake

Create a wonderful family keepsake with these easy to follow instructions. This is a perfect activity to do at home to mark your 'lockdown' time together.

You will need:

- 2 cups plain flour
- 1 cup salt
- 1 cup water
- Large bowl and spoon for mixing
- Rolling pin (optional)
- Baking tray and foil
- Paint
- White glue (PVA) as a sealer



Instructions:

1. Simply mix the flour and salt together in a large bowl.
2. Add the water slowly a little at a time mixing well with a spoon. You don't want your salt dough to become too sticky, but if it does just add more flour.
3. When the mixture starts to make a dough, roll it into a ball with your hands.
4. Sprinkle a little bit of flour on to your table. Add the dough and flatten it down with your hands or a rolling pin until its about 1cm thick.
5. Transfer the salt dough onto a foil lined baking tray.
6. Choose where your handprint/s will go and push your hand down about half the depth of the salt dough.
7. Leave the salt dough to dry - this may take a few days. Or, with the help of an adult, bake the salt dough on a low heat in the oven (100 °c) for about 3 hours.
8. Carefully paint the handprints. When the paint is dry, use PVA glue to paint over the whole salt dough keepsake.



Grass Heads

Grass Heads are super easy to make and once their 'hair' grows its fun to style by giving it a trim. I've never seen anyone who hasn't laughed or at least smiled at one of these cute heads.

You will need:

- Old nylon stockings
- Scissors
- Grass seeds
- Compost
- Permanent Pen
- Pot
- Rubber band or thread
- Stick on googly eyes or fabric for decoration (optional)



Instructions

1. Cut off a 20cm section of stocking that includes the toe.
2. Stretch the stocking over a large cup or mug, spoon about 2 teaspoons of grass seeds into the stocking.
3. Add some compost. Aim for the head to be roughly tennis ball sized.
4. Tie a knot to close the end. No need to cut off the dangly bit.
5. You can make a nose or ears by grabbing a bit of stocking and twisting. Fasten the base of the nose with some thread or a rubber band.
6. Decorate! Use a permanent marker pen to decorate the face and the cup.
7. Half fill the cup with water and put the head on top with the dangly bit in the water.
8. Put on a window sill and keep moist. 'Hair' takes about a week to sprout.



Pretty Colourful Spring Bird



Hurray spring is in the air!
Paper plate birds are super easy and fun to
create from simple materials.



You will need:

- A paper plate or thin card (an empty cereal packet from your recycling will be ideal - use a plate as a template to cut around)
- Scissors
- Paint and brushes/Colouring pens
- Glue
- Materials for decoration (feathers, paper, scraps of material, wool, leaves, twigs, googly eyes, paper)



Instructions

1. Start by folding your paper plate in half so it has a crease along the centre.
2. Paint or colour in the whole paper plate in as many colours as you like and allow to dry. You can speed the drying time up by giving a quick blast of air from a hairdryer.
3. Next glue or draw eyes and a beak and then add feathers (use twigs, leaves, scraps of material or wool if you don't have any feathers)
4. Cut some strips of paper and glue or staple them to the end to create tail feathers.
5. Simply fold the plate in half along the crease.

