

THE
AYLSHAM
COMMUNITY
TRUST
(FAMILIES)

It takes a Whole Community to Educate a Child



Spring Term Family Learning Activities

A selection of spring themed activities fun to enjoy together as a family.



Spring Chocolate Nests

Chocolate nests are a delicious treat, they are super easy to make and a happy reminder that spring is on its way!

Ingredients:

- 200g milk chocolate
- 85g Shredded wheat
- Bag of chocolate mini eggs

You will also need:

- Cupcake cases
- Spoon
- 2 x bowls
- Saucepan of water

Important -If you have a food allergy/ intolerance please select appropriate ingredients.



Method

1. Crush the shredded wheat into a bowl and put it to aside.
2. Unwrap the chocolate and break it up into pieces and place it in another small bowl.
3. Melt the chocolate by placing the small bowl over a saucepan of barely simmering water.
4. Pour the melted chocolate over the crushed shredded wheat and stir well to combine.
5. Spoon the chocolate wheat into 12 cupcake cases and press the back of the teaspoon in the centre to create a nest shape.
6. Place a couple of chocolate mini eggs on the top of each nest.
7. Chill the nests in the fridge for 2 hours until set.
8. Tidy up and enjoy!



Nature Easter Eggs

Gather Spring flowers to create simple Easter egg decorations.

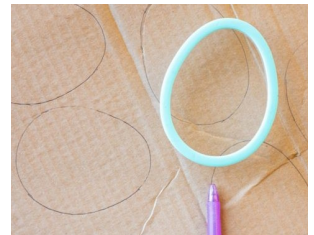
You will need:

- Cardboard
- Pencil
- Scissors
- PVA glue
- Sticks, seeds, flowers, leaves.



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 a sheet of cardboard and cut it out with a pair of scissors.
- Repeat to make lots of eggs.
- Go for a walk with your family and collect your nature items! Sticks, flowers, leaves and seeds will all look good.
- Start decorating, glue everything on to the egg shaped cardboard and leave to dry.



Colourful Woven Alpaca

This weaving craft is such an easy and fantastic way to introduce the art of weaving to children. Plus, you won't need any special materials to try it out.

You will need:

- Scissors
- Cardboard
- Wool
- Marker Pens
- Masking Tape

Optional: small pom-poms



Instructions:

1. Mark out a llama on a piece of cardboard and cut it out.
2. Using marker pens draw a happy face and woolly coat on to the cardboard Alpaca.
3. Snip 5 evenly spaced small slits across the top of your Alpaca's body. Make identical slits at the bottom of the Alpaca's body. You can use a pencil and ruler to line them up. This part of the cardboard Alpaca acts as your loom.
4. Next you will need to create a warp. The warp refers to the strings that run lengthways on a weaving loom. Secure using sticky tape on the back of the cardboard Alpaca a long piece of wool to the first slit on one of the ends of your loom. Carry this piece of wool down the front of the loom to the matching slit at the bottom and bring it back up behind the loom to the second slit, continue until you reach the end of the loom. Tape the ends of the wool to the back of your cardboard Alpaca.
5. Cut a long piece of wool to use for weaving, wrap a piece of tape around the end to make it stiffer and easier to work with. Begin weaving. starting at one end of the loom, weave your wool under and over the warp strings on your loom until the wool runs out. You can change your wool to have multiple colours just tuck or tie the ends at the back.
6. Finish by taping or tying the wool at the back.
7. *Optional: Sew or glue mini pom-poms to decorate your Alpaca's blanket.*



Loaded Baked Potato Bites

A quick and easy egg shaped snack best served with any of your favourite toppings.

You will need:

- 2 - 3 large potatoes
- 60g cheddar cheese grated
- 30g cooked bacon bits
- 3 chopped spring onions
- 120ml sour cream
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- Salt
- Parchment paper

Important - If you have a food allergy/ intolerance please select appropriate ingredients.



Instructions:

1. Preheat the oven to 200°C/ Gas mark 6
2. Line your baking tray with parchment paper.
3. Wash the potatoes, then cut them into 2.5cm - 3cm slices.
4. Brush both sides of the potatoes with cooking oil, sprinkle with a little salt.
5. Bake the potato slices in the oven for 15 minutes. Flip them over and continue baking for another 15 minutes until they are cooked through and browned.
6. Remove the potatoes from the oven and sprinkle them with grated cheese.
7. Add a sprinkling of bacon.
8. Return to the oven and cook for another 5 minutes, just long enough to melt the cheese and crisp the bacon.
9. Serve with a dollop of sour cream and a sprinkling of chopped spring onions.
10. Enjoy!



Clothes Peg Bird Craft

These little peg birds are great decorations, they can also be used to hang cards, bunting or they can guide your children to hidden treats on an Easter egg hunt or scavenger hunt.

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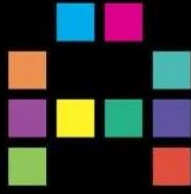
- Wooden clothes pegs
- Paint and paintbrush
- Feathers
- Googly eyes
- Paper
- Marker pens
- Scissors
- PVA glue



Instructions:

- Using a paintbrush paint your clothes pegs and leave to dry. Alternatively colour with a marker pen.
- Using the scissors cut out a small triangle beak for your bird.
- Glue the beak and googly eyes on to the painted peg.
- Glue the feathers to the peg to create wings adding another feather to the top of the birds heads.





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FAMILY LEARNING DAY

Please join us at Aylsham High School on

Saturday 11th June 10am - 2pm

DROP IN FOR AN HOUR OR STAY FOR THE DAY

ADMISSION AND ACTIVITIES FREE

Our schools and local community groups will be offering a variety of FREE art, craft and science activities. There will also be an opportunity to play crazy golf, basket ball, meet some Alpaca's and join Aylsham High School's Reading Festival with Paddington Bear as he adventures around the world.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.



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