

Some Art Activities to do at Home

These arts and crafts are like lots of the art lessons pupils enjoy at the Orchard!

Change them to suit you, interpret them your own way or use different materials and tools.

Straw Painting

Straw painting can be done by splattering paint or blowing paint. Simply pick up some paint in a straw and splatter it onto the paper or put a drop of paint onto paper and blow through the straw to make the paint spread out.



Finger Painting

Offer your child large pieces of paper and let them go wild with the paint, with no directions. This is a great tactile experience and will work those finger muscles.



Colour Collage

Offer a magazine and a sheet of white paper and ask your child to make a colour collage. They can cover their whole page by cutting out or tearing bits of paper that they find in the magazine. They can add other things like tissue paper. Tearing and cutting are both important skills that some children struggle to master and therefore need lots of practice.



Leaf Printing

Choose a variety of leaves with different shapes from the park or garden. Paint the leaves with a large paintbrush and then print them onto a white paper.



It takes a lot of coordination to hold the leaves and carefully turn them over to print them. Again, let your child decide how many leaves to use, what colours to use, and how to print them. Remember to chat about the pattern the veins of the leaves make.

Potato Printing

If you have some potatoes that are starting to get soft, cut them in half and cut some simple patterns into them or leave them in their natural oval shape. Then, dip the potatoes in a tray of paint and print them onto paper.



Junk Modelling

For Junk Modelling use what you have to hand, such as kitchen rolls, cereal boxes, egg boxes, and other materials. For this activity you just have to trust. Make scissors, masking tape, glue, and a



variety of boxes available and see what your child comes up with, might need a bit of encouragement. I have seen some elaborate constructions happening when I left children to their own devices. 😊



Shape Picture

Cut out different shapes from coloured paper and then use the shapes to create a picture. Try not to give directions and see what your child creates.

They could make a train with rectangles and circles, or build a house, an animal a person or a robot! They might need crayons to add details - such as arms on the side of the square body, or eyebrows above the eyes.



Bubble Pictures

For this activity, you will need a bowl of water with dishwashing liquid and some paint or food colouring.

Ask your child to blow into the water with a straw and then turn the paper down onto the bubbles to catch them on the paper. This looks really cool!



Nature Collage

Making a nature collage is fun because you get to go on a walk in the park or garden and collect all kinds of natural materials - leaves, twigs, grass, flowers, etc. All your child needs is some glue and they can create an awesome nature collage.



Sponge Printing

Use old bath sponges for this art. Either keep their shapes as they are or cut shapes out of them. Dip them in paint, or watercolours, and print onto paper.

Chalking



Rock Painting

Find some well-sized rocks and paint them with thin paintbrushes. The thinner the brush, the more detail can be painted on. Or provide a thicker paintbrush if they want to cover the entire rock. Keep these as paperweights.



Cutting and Sticking

These are two important skills that need regular practice. Let your child create freely with scissors, glue, and different types of paper - tissue paper, cardboard, newspaper, regular coloured paper, etc.

You can buy special scissors online to help your child at home if they are struggling!



We love art!
Cheers Annie X

