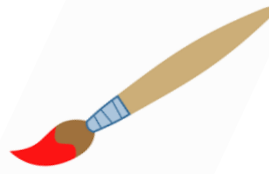


Observational Painting



A skill we have been practising at nursery!

What to do:

- *Go outside into the garden or yard if you have one. Have a look around. Encourage your child to choose a natural object a plant, flower or tree. If you have no outdoor space have a look at your fruit bowl!*
- *Talk about what you can see. What colours can you see? What shapes? Is the stalk long or short? Thick or thin? If there are more of the same object (for example the same flowers) do they all look the same? Are some heads open and some closed? Although these tulips are pink, are they different shades? Light pink, dark pink? Do they all have the same amount of leaves? Count them.*

- *When using paints, encourage your child to wipe the excess paint from the brush before putting it onto the paper.*
- *Encourage them to keep looking at the object before painting the next part.*
- *Choose a new object to paint each day, or have another go at painting the same thing! Watch how their skills and confidence develop.*

What skills will your child develop:

- *Understanding the world. Looking at natural objects. An understanding of how things grow and change.*
- *Literacy and physical. Fine motor skills. Holding and using different mark making tools. Making marks for a purpose.*
- *Mathematics. Counting.*
- *Expressive arts and design. Exploring and using different media and materials.*

