

Spring Activities!

Easter Headband!

Why not have a go at making an Easter headband. Using strips card or paper measure it to the size of your child's head and make a mark so you know how big your band needs to be. Using collage materials or paints, decorate your headband. Choose something to place on the front of your band, you could draw, paint or make a rabbit, chick, or Easter egg and stick it to the front! Secure the band around your child's head using tape!



Why not sing an Easter song whilst wearing your headband!

Easter Nests!

You will need; Shredded Wheat or Rice Krispies, chocolate and mini eggs.

First, thoroughly wash your hands.

Break up some chocolate into pieces and melt in a pan or microwave.

Then stir in the cereal.

Next place the mixture into cake cases and add some mini eggs.

After that place in the fridge to cool and set.

Finally enjoy eating and sharing them with your family!



Decorating eggs

Why not decorate your very own Easter egg. You will need; card or paper, scissors, pompoms, paint and pegs. Don't forget to cut out your egg shape before you start! Attach the pompoms to your pegs and dip them into the coloured paint you have provided for your child. Use the pompoms to make printing patterns on the egg. Instead of paints you can also use glue and a variety of different creative materials to decorate your egg.



Easter chick fork painting!



You will need; yellow paint, a fork and felt tipped pens.

Draw a circle and then dip your fork into some yellow paint. Drag the fork from the centre of the circle to the outer edge, making a feathered effect! Continue till the entire circle is covered. Leave it to dry. Finally add on the eyes, beak and legs using a felt tip pen. Enjoy and make sure to give your chick a name!!

Easter Chick Hand Painting

You will need: Yellow/orange paint, a paintbrush, a black pen, paper, your hands and fingers!

First, use a paintbrush to paint your child's hand yellow. Ask them- What does the paint feel like? Soft/ hard, cold/ warm, smooth/ rough or tickly etc.

Once their hand is fully painted, print it onto some paper. Make sure your child's fingers are spread apart.

Leave to dry and then draw on some eyes using a black pen.

Using your fingers, get some orange paint and make the chick's beak, legs and feet.

You could cut your chick out, stick a lolly pop stick on the back and make it into a chick puppet if you like!



Let it grow, Let it grow!

You will need: A plant pot, soil or compost, seeds (sunflowers, cress, meadow seeds) a watering can or spray bottle, a small trowel or spade.

What to do: Scoop soil or compost into the pots – talk about how many scoops you think you might need. Use words such as “Empty” and “Full”. Open the seeds and talk about their size and shape. Gently make a hole in the soil and place the seed inside. Ask your child what they think might happen to the seeds once they are planted. Cover the seeds with more soil and give them a drink of water. Talk to your child about the things seeds need to grow – sunshine and water. As the seeds begin to grow, talk to your child about the changes and what is happening. Once the shoots start to grow, ask your child to draw a picture of their plant, or take some photographs to monitor the changes.



Decorating Hard Boiled Eggs

You will need: Hard boiled eggs and craft supplies.

Why not have a go at decorating hard boiled eggs using various craft supplies. You could draw on them with felt tip pens, use paints or glue and collage pieces. You could also have a theme around decorating the eggs, for example a story or a character. Once finished you could place them on display. Or you could hide them around the house or garden and encourage your child to go on an egg hunt to find them.



Paper Plate Easter Bunny Mask



You will need: 2 paper plates, cotton wool balls, googly eyes, pipe cleaners or paper, pink felt tip pen, one pink pom pom, one lolly stick, glue and scissors.

Together with your child, use scissors carefully to cut one paper plate, so that the bunny has ears. Then using the pink felt tip pen, mark the flat part of the plate, then put to one side. Take the second paper plate and cover with glue. You then stick the cotton wool balls onto the plate until it is covered! Afterwards, stick cotton wool balls onto the rim of the plate ears. Stick the ears onto the back of the face of the bunny. Press firmly. Find some googly eyes (or cut out two small circles and draw the pupils) and glue them onto the face. Use a pink pom pom or a small pink paper circle and stick that onto the middle of the face. For the whiskers, use either pink pipe cleaners or pink slivers of paper and glue them onto the nose of the bunny. Lastly, stick a lolly stick onto the back of the paper plate, so you can hold it up to your face and become the Easter Bunny!

Making and Decorating Biscuits

Ingredients: Makes about 24 biscuits

- ☑ 200g/8oz softened butter
- ☑ 200g/2oz caster sugar
- ☑ 400g/5oz plain flour
- ☑ 1 large egg

Method:

- ☑ Heat oven to 200c/ 180c fan/ gas mark 6 .Line a baking tray with grease proof paper or lightly grease with butter
- ☑ Put the butter into a bowl and beat butter with a fork/electric whisk until soft and creamy
- ☑ Beat in sugar, egg and finally flour to make dough. If it a bit sticky, add a little bit more flour and knead it in
- ☑ Roll dough out onto a floured surface and cut out shapes using a 9cm biscuit cutter or the rim of a small glass.
- ☑ Press some clean toys gently into the biscuits, making sure you make enough of a mark without going all the way through
- ☑ Place biscuits onto tray and bake for 8/10mins or until golden brown.



Activity – Follow the recipe above or you could cheat and use Digestive biscuits!

Let your child's imagination run wild and encourage them to design their own biscuit using icing pens, different sprinkles and sweets to decorate it. Maybe you could make some Easter themed designs. We would love to see your finished creations!