



Rights, Respect, Me, Relationships, Responsive.

St Dominic's ELC January 2021



We hope that you all had a lovely Christmas and that you are all enjoying the group times that are available on Glow. Please feel free to participate in the Glow Teams as and when you can. As a staff team we are so happy to observe how excited the children are to hear and speak to each other.

Remember to keep practising your shape knowledge, you can go on shape hunts around the house. You and your family can draw around shapes and hide them around the house. We have attached a little shape sheet to this news letter to challenge your skills.

You can make salt dough and create a range of models to paint. This will scaffold the muscles in your hands while providing you with opportunities to be creative with materials. You can discuss how materials change and become something different e.g. "what happens to flour when you add water?", "what happens to the salt dough when you put it in the oven?". This type of play helps us to become young scientists who are eager to explore and learn, while employing our language skills to ask questions and gain information as we participate in first hand learning experiences.

We have attached 2 different recipes 1 for salt dough and the other for play dough.

Exercise is important it helps us to have a healthy heart and mind. Each day try to do 10-star jumps, 4 pencil rolls, 2 forward rolls, try balancing on 1 foot at a time and count for as long as you can. Please send photos and we will put these in your Learning Journals.

January is a time when you can take part in The Big Garden Bird Watch. You can go online to the RSPB and find interesting information and a way to record your results. You can use the bird sheet that is attached to this newsletter to have fun identifying the ones you can see from your window or in your garden. Please remember to feed the birds as the weather is so cold and the ground is very hard, and the birds might find it difficult to get food. By doing this you are being a responsible citizen and you are contributing to the world of nature.



Try making up your own poem to celebrate Burns Day while having fun with rhyming words and language. You can create your own tartan using paper for weaving or paint and small cars for printing, you can use the car to make straight lines using the wheels of your cars to create your tartan.

Each day have a look at a book to explore text, events and characters and explore the world of inventing stories as you and your child have fun with language. Try to make up a story about a bird as this is current with the Big garden bird watch. By adding in little details for example "the bird pecked at the ground and what do you think came out?", this will stimulate conversation skills within your children and watch with wonder as they add their own ideas, this is something that amazes us everyday when we work with your children.

Each day explore the wonder of number in the world including discussing the time, you can play "What's the time Mr Wolf", this will provide opportunities for your child to explore the language of time, e.g. 1 o'clock, 2 o'clock and you can talk about daily routines including morning, lunch, afternoon and bedtime. You can use the days of the week song to explore ordering the days in the correct order, the children all know this song and will share the tune with you. We have attached the words of some familiar songs for you to explore together.

Shapes



Circle



Oval



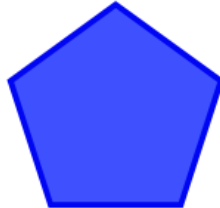
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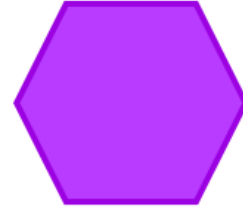
Square



Rectangle



Pentagon



Hexagon



Star



Heart



Cross



Crescent



Arrow



Diamond



Pie



Trapezoid



Parallelogram



Octagon



Semi-Circle



Decagon

Play dough recipe.

This super-easy playdough recipe is the perfect way to spend a rainy afternoon inside. It's quick enough to hold a young child's attention and you only need a few store cupboard ingredients. Little hands can play with the results straightaway, so there's immediate gratification for all involved!

Makes 1 coloured ball

Prep 10 minutes

You will need

8 tbsp plain flour

2 tbsp table salt

60ml warm water

food colouring

1 tbsp vegetable oil

Method

1. Mix the flour and salt in a large bowl. In a separate bowl mix together the water, a few drops of food colouring and the oil.
2. Pour the coloured water into the flour mix and bring together with a spoon.
3. Dust a work surface with a little flour and turn out the dough. Knead together for a few minutes to form a smooth, pliable dough. If you want a more intense colour you can work in a few extra drops of food colouring.

Salt dough recipe

500 g plain flour - self raising flour will make the salt dough bubble as it dries especially in the oven.

500 g table salt - any fine cooking salt will work

250 ml warm water

Mix together the flour and the salt in large bowl

Add the warm water slowly mixing together at the same time

When combined turn out onto a lightly floured surface

Knead for 5 to 10 minutes until smooth and elastic

1. Once your ornament is made either leave to air dry or
2. Place in the oven at 150C for around 1hr and check it may need longer



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Songs

Yellow Daffodils

Yellow daffodils
 Yellow daffodils
 Swaying to and fro
 A little drop of sun
 A little drop of rain
 Will make the daffodils grow

Blue forget-me-nots
 Blue forget-me-nots
 Swaying to and fro
 A little drop of sun
 A little drop of rain
 Will make the forget-me-nots
 Grow

Purple crocuses
 Purple crocuses
 Swaying to and fro
 A little drop of sun
 A little drop of rain
 Will make the crocuses grow

Golden buttercups
 Golden buttercups
 Swaying to and fro
 A little drop of sun

Research explains that stories have an important part to play in pre-reading skills.

Encourage your children to 'read the pictures' and have fun with language. Ask them what the job of the author and illustrator is and listen to their amazing skills.

Days of the week song.

Sunday, Monday,
 Tuesday, Wednesday,
 goes on like a train,
 Thursday, Friday
 Saturday and then
 Sundays comes again.

(Mrs Hunter taught us this one and we love it).

Two Birds

Two birds, two birds
 Singing a song for me
 Two birds, two birds
 Singing a song for me
 I can see the dawn is breaking
 What a lovely sound they are making

Two birds, two birds
 Singing a song for me



Four birds, four birds
 Singing a song for me
 Four birds, four birds
 Singing a song for me
 I can see the dawn is breaking

What a lovely sound
 They are making
 Four birds, four birds
 Singing a song for me

Six birds.....

Eight birds.....

Ten birds.....