CUTTING THE GRASS!

'SO simple yet so entertaining and effective'

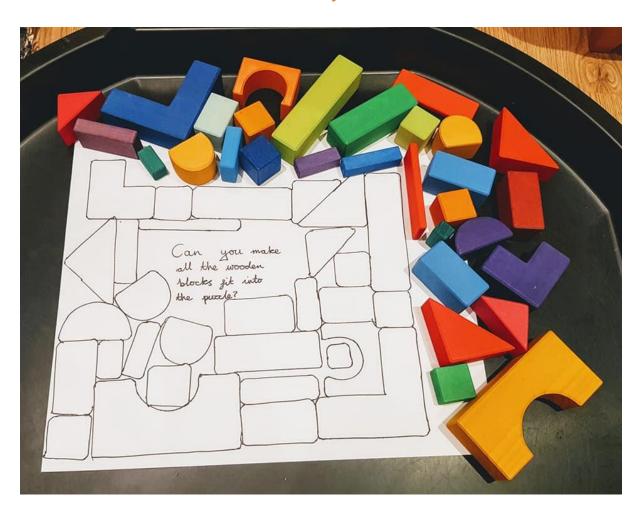




What you need:

- A pair of scissors and some grass!
- Let your children loose with a pair of scissors - endless fun, great cutting skills practise and practical too!
- You could talk about the length of the grass, order it by length, make grass soup, count the grass strands, make a grass collage or whatever other wonderful ideas you can think of!

ALWAYS supervise when children are using sharp objects!



Shadow Drawing

Make the most of the sun and explore light and shadows.

Place your object of choice on your paper and use it as a guide to trace the outline.



PAINTING FLOWERS

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

*PAINT

*PAPER

*PAINTBRUSHES (OR USE YOUR FINGERS)

WHAT TO DO:



USE THE PAINTBRUSHES OR YOUR FINGERS TO PAINT A PICTURE OF A FLOWER.

WHY NOT POST YOUR PAINTING TO SOMEONE YOU LOVE TO BRIGHTEN THEIR DAY, OR TO A LOCAL NURSING HOME





What to do:

- *Cut long strips of paper
- *Draw different lines on them as shown in the picture.
- *Stick them to the edge of the table
- *Give your child some scissors and invite them to hold one end of the paper and cut along the lines.





What you need:

- -small sticks or twigs
- wool, ribbon or thread
- felt tip pens

What are Worry Dolls?

Worry dolls are tiny dolls that children tell their worries to before placing them under their pillow at night.

The worry dolls take the children's worries away while they sleep.

They are a lovely opportunity to encourage children to talk about how they are feeling.

What to do:

- Break your sticks or twigs into small lengths (about 5cms).
- Wrap different colours of wool, ribbon or thread around your stick (use a skin colour towards the top for a face). Tie off the ends.
- Felt tip a face onto your doll.

You will need:

- * a piece of wood or a log
- * elastic bands
- * hammer
- * nails

Hammer the nails in to the wood (children can do this!)

Let the children stretch the bands over the nails.

Make patterns! Take them off and start again.

Good for practising tool use, hand/eye coordination, fine motor skills, concentration and exploration of cause and

WOOD WORK





Tape pencils, pens or felt tips to the back of toy vehicles with some masking tape.

Great for encouraging mark making!

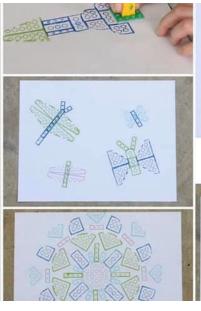
-	 	-	 	 	 	_	_



'STUFF' ART

Collect loads of random 'stuff' from around your house... down the back of your sofa, left over flat pack and whatever is in that kitchen drawer!

Once you have collected your treasures let the children make pictures and sculptures - whatever takes their fancy...





You will need:

- *Lego
- *Paper
- *Paint/ink pads

Create pictures of interest to your child. Super hero cities, robots, vehicles, mini beasts and patterns are some ideas.

Discuss 2d shape names and properties. For example discuss size of shapes, how many corners and sides.

You could also just make the pictures with actual lego.