



Encounter Craft – 7th October This week – weather watching!

We see all sorts of weather at this time of year – it's constantly changing! Great inspiration for art...

Funky Umbrellas



These are so striking and yet so simple. Using felt tips, colour the different sections of an umbrella shape in lots of different colours and textures – (there is a template included with these sheets, but remember you don't need the handle). Do several of them and then cut them out. Now assemble them in an overlapping pattern onto black paper or card and when you are happy with the design, stick them down.

Using water-resistant wax is a fabulous way to experiment with rain pictures. On white paper use a white crayon to draw the rain, horizon and the spots where the rain hits the water. (Make sure these are oval rather than round to add perspective). Carefully wet the paper by dabbing it with a wet cloth and then add splodges of blue watercolour paint – and use different shades! Add a little black paint near the blue and watch the colours run into each other. The effect can be stunning. You may need to turn the page around to help it mix, or add more water.

Wax and Watercolours





Crazy Collage



There are lots of techniques being used here to create an amazing image. You could do something similar by experimenting on different pieces of paper and then using them to collage with. Try the wax and watercolour technique as mentioned before. Experiment with crayons or oil pastels to create the swirls of colour. Try scratching into dry paint, or layering wax crayons over dry paint and then scratching out a design.

Cut out different textured papers and use those, or drop watery paint onto wet paper using a dropper and see what it creates. There are so many ways to play with texture that can reflect stormy skies, wind and rain.

Divide a square into four quarters. Then design four different weather symbols, one for each square. Can you fit them together so that they make one whole shape? You could use different materials for each quarter, too – paint, crayon, pencil and pastel for example.

Weather Square



HAVE FUN!!

