



Oasis – 17th December
This week – Winter Colours Everywhere!

The icy blues, inky purples and silvery whites of winter are beautiful colours to use with your child!

Masking Tape Scene



Use strips of masking tape to create a bare winter tree and snowflakes on a plain piece of paper or card. It doesn't matter if the shapes are uneven – it just adds to the charm. Then use paints to make a background, working over the tape.

You could try sponging for a good effect. When the paint is completely dry, gently pull off the strips to reveal the white shapes.

Have fun collecting bare twigs with your little one. Play around with them against a pale blue background to create a tree shape and then stick them down firmly. To make the snow, you can either dip a cotton bud into white paint, or, if your child is younger and finds that a bit tricky to handle, use finger painting.

Twig Tree





Snowflake Stickers



For this you can either use snowflake stickers or cut out snowflake shapes. (Stickers will be easier for your child to paint over without them moving). Use a palette of light to dark blues, indigo and purple with a little white and let your child loose to cover the sheet in thick paint. You could let them mix the paint on the paper with their fingers to see what colours they can make. When the paint is completely dry, peel off the snowflakes to reveal the crisp, delicate shapes against the gorgeous, smudgy background.

There is plenty of opportunity to experiment with process art to create a really wintry mood. Roll out a piece of lining paper and stick it down to keep it still. Randomly squirt thick paint in the colours you want to use around the paper and then let your child experiment with different printing techniques. You could try sticking



bubble wrap or even elastic bands onto an empty kitchen roll holder to roll the paint around, or try using a washing up brush or even a wire wool sponge! Just enjoy different ways of playing with the paint!

Wintry Printing



HAVE FUN!!