



## Oasis Craft - 18<sup>th</sup> June This week - Outdoor Art Fun

**When the weather is glorious it's always great to get outside while we can. If you have a garden, balcony, pathway or can set up camp in the park you can have a go at some of these outdoor art ideas!**

### Painting with Water



The ultimate mess-free art activity that little ones love! Find decorating brushes and rollers and fill a bucket or tray with water. Then your child can freely "paint" the wall, fence, pavement – whatever they want – just like a grown-up! Sometimes the simplest ideas really are the best...



### Water Pistol Painting

On the messier side, but lots of fun, is painting with water pistols. If you prefer, you can do the same thing with clean, empty squirt cleaner bottles or washing up liquid bottles. Tape up a large piece of paper (rolls of lining paper are great value and you could line a whole fence with it if you wanted!) Fill your containers with watery paint and fire away! Keep colours clean by using different squirters for different colours. If you don't have a fence or wall to attach the paper to you could just roll it out on grass and weigh it down at the corners.





## Natural Paintbrushes



You and your child could go on a nature walk and find things to make your own paintbrushes with! Flowers, shrubs, leaves – anything that you could fix to the end of a stick with rubber bands. Then experiment by dipping the different “brushes” into paint and painting with them on large sheets of paper – again, lining paper is great for this, or you could simply experiment on sheets of newspaper.

## Tricycle Painting

Not for those who don't like mess, but such fun and great for developing gross motor skills! Lay out your paper (as above) and anchor it well. Put large blobs of washable paint at various points on the paper. Then let your little one ride all over the paper and through the paint...! You could also use a balance bike or a scooter. Another option is to run toy cars and trucks through the paint.



## Wellie Boot Painting



This is another version of the tricycle painting – the preparation is the same, but then your child (and you?!) put on your wellie boots and tramp around through the paint! What could be more satisfying?!



**HAVE FUN!!**