



Oasis – Christmas
This week – Santa's Here - plus some New Year Fun!

Paper Plate Santa



Colour your plate with the skin colour of your choice. Paint is best, but it would work with crayons. Then cut out Santa's hat from red card. You could make it a simple triangle shape if that is easier. Glue it on to the top of the plate. Use a pen to add the eyes, nose and mouth – and now for the fun bit! Spread glue around the areas to be Santa's hair, beard and moustache and help your child to stick down cotton wool balls. Don't forget one for the top of his hat!

Handprint Santa

Draw around your child's hand onto a piece of card, cut it out and turn it upside down. Use red paper or paint for the hat and stick it onto the thumb and base of the hand. For young children, to be safe, let them draw the face and nose on instead of using googly eyes. Then cover the remaining fingers, the bottom of the hat and the end of the hat with cotton wool. There you have it!





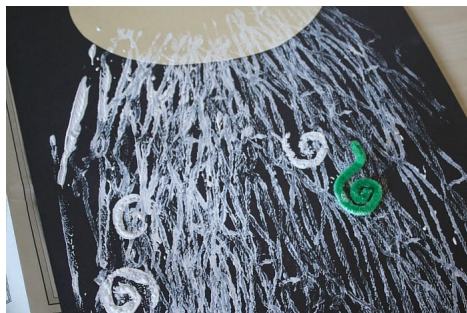
Santa Beard



This is so simple but fun for a little one to make and play with! Draw a beard shape on to a piece of card and cut it out. Remember to cut a gap for the mouth! Cover it with glue and stick lots of cotton wool all over it. A lolly stick taped to the back makes it a beard to be played with and worn!



The printing on this looks fabulous. You can make the top half of Santa's face using cut-out card or paper and then stick it onto the top of a piece of black card. For the beard, wrap string or wool around a rolling pin and cover it in white paint. Roll it backwards and forwards down the length of the page. To add the curls in the beard, roll up pipe cleaners and dip them in paint, as shown in the picture. Then press them down at intervals around the beard.



Super Santa Beard





Between Christmas and New Year it's great to look ahead and think of things that make us feel happy and positive about 2021. Here are a few creative ideas you and your child might like to try!

Fork-print Fireworks

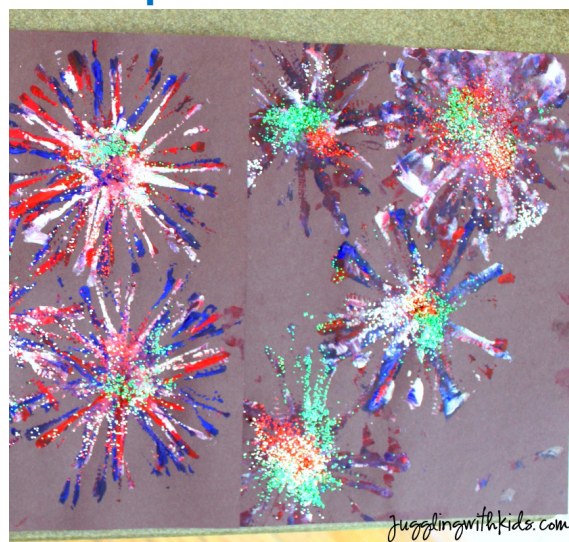


Create some celebratory fireworks using a fork and some paint. Choose colours you like and press a fork into them. Practise laying the fork onto a page and pulling it outwards to create the exploding shape.



Take four pipe cleaners and fold them in half. Twist the bottom half so that you create a handle, then splay out the other ends to form the shape of a firework. Have your paint ready and mix in some glitter if you would like. Dip the firework shape into the paint and press it down onto the paper. Then dip it in again and this time turn it slightly before pressing down. Keep going until you have created the explosion and sparkle that you want!

Pipe Cleaner Fireworks





Memory Box



A memory box for 2021 would be a lovely way to keep precious memories safe. You could put all sorts of things in it – photos, items found out on walks, little drawings...anything positive and happy about 2021! All you need is a shoebox that you can decorate. It's a good idea to cover it in paper first to have a blank base to start with and then use anything that takes your fancy. Tissue paper, stickers, glitter, cut-outs from magazines, feathers...there are no rules!

Paper Plate Shakers

Take two paper plates and sandwich them together, sticking them down and leaving room to fill them with rice or anything safe that will make a good sound when shaken! Leave a gap, too, to push in a lolly stick as a handle. When they are stuck together, have fun with your child decorating both sides with collage or paint.



**HAVE FUN and
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!**

