



Oasis Craft – 4th June This week – Freestyle!

Little children enjoy playing with colours, forms and textures, usually without an end goal in mind. These activities give opportunities to enjoy the process as much as the end result!

Painting with ice cubes



Add drops of food colouring into an ice cube tray. Top up with water – and sprinkle in glitter if you would like to use it – and freeze. When they're ready, take a piece of paper and fold it lightly in half so you can make it into a rough cup shape. Add the ice cubes and roll them around. Then unfold and leave to dry. Your child might enjoy having a go at holding the slippery cubes and rubbing them over the paper as they melt!



Scraper art



Put thick blobs of paint across the top of a strong piece of paper or card. This can then be scraped downwards or down and round and round – whatever your child would like to do! – using the edge of a piece of sturdy card. Old credit cards make good scraping tools and can be used to make sharp lines in the paint once it has been scraped across the paper.





Spaghetti painting

You can make a fabulous brush with spaghetti! Take a bunch of it and tie it up about a quarter of the way along with a rubber band. Then put the longer end into water to cook as usual, taking care that the rubber band and smaller end stay away from the water! When it's cooked and completely cooled it can be dipped in paint and swished around on card to create a truly abstract piece!

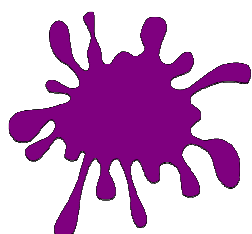


Alternatively, you can go down the completely freestyle route – don't tie the spaghetti up but just cook all of it and, when it is cold, slap whole bunches of it into the paint and swoosh around! Your child might need reminding it's NOT edible!!



Dot-to-dot colours

This is great if you would like something with a little more control! Tape a strong piece of paper to your table around the edges with masking tape. Put blobs of paint randomly onto the paper – two blobs each of three colours is a good number. The aim then is for your child to cover the paper with colour without two different colours touching. Blobs of the same colour can be joined together. When it is finished and dry, carefully peel off the tape and you will have a lovely crisp border to all the colour!



HAVE FUN!!

