

## Art at home

Be prepared for a lot of mess and experimentation!

Let your child explore different ways of expressing themselves; e.g. paint, chalk, mud, water, dough, clay etc.

Children can paint outdoors in good weather and can be equally satisfied with a bucket of water and a variety of paintbrushes.

**DO REMEMBER** it is the creative process, not the resulting piece of work, that represents the learning.



## Creative Activities



## **Why do we offer creative activities in nursery school?**

Children look at the world and represent it in amazing ways. They show their thinking through their representations e.g. the 'spikiness' of a leaf.

To give the children the opportunity to express whatever is important or interesting to them.

To give the children the opportunity to experiment with different types of media, a variety of techniques and learn new skills.

To encourage children to look closely at the world around them.

To experiment with using different colours (colour mixing, shades and depth), textures and materials.

To give the opportunity to make choices from different media e.g. size of brush, paper, what colour to use or the thickness of the paint.

To give opportunities for problem solving e.g. what will stick two things together, and what works best (sellotape, masking tape, split pins, fasteners).

The sense of satisfaction they experience in meeting their inner challenges.