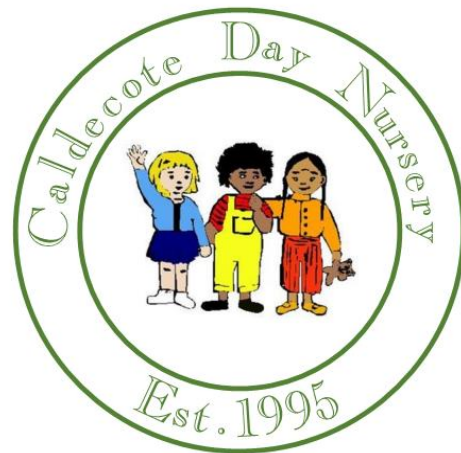


Caldecote Day Nursery



Home Learning Ideas

Fourth Edition



Teddy Bear's Picnic

Babies / Toddlers / Pre-School

Activity: Make something delicious to eat and have a picnic in the garden or in the living room!

Materials: Food, picnic rug, picnic basket, bears.

Learning: Great for learning about basic food hygiene; fine motor skills, preparing snacks or a lunch together. Children can use one-handed tools such as knives to spread or chop or mix and stir. Older children can 'write down' instructions for making foods or create a menu to share. Sing the Teddy Bear's Picnic song and share stories about bears.





Mud Painting

Babies / Toddlers / Pre-School / Club Caldecote

Activity: Get very messy with mud!

Materials: Mud, water, containers, paper or surface.

Learning: Get creative with mud! Use fingers, paintbrushes or make your own natural paintbrushes to create with! If you can collect mud from other places, you could even have a range of colours! Younger children could do this in just a nappy then go straight into the bath!





Busy Things

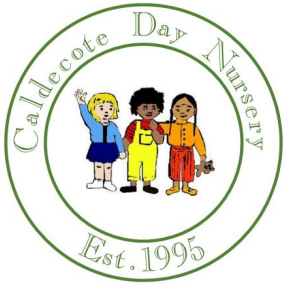
Pre-School / Club Caldecote

Activity: Use this great online resource for a range of learning.

Materials: PC, tablet or phone.

Learning: Busy Things is an online learning resource aimed at Pre-School, Reception, KS1 and KS2 children. It has fun, interactive games with entertaining characters and covers all areas of the curriculum. A family subscription can include up to 5 children and is tailored to their age / class / ability, allowing age appropriate activities to be available to each child. Their content is huge and they regularly introduce new games and activities. They offer a free trial period and an annual family subscription is reasonably priced. Find them at: www.busythings.co.uk





Sock Bubble Blower

Babies / Toddlers / Pre-School / Club Caldecote



Activity: Create extreme bubbles using a bottle and a sock/

Materials: Old bottle, scissors, sock, washing up liquid with water or bubble mixture.

Learning: Cut the base of an old bottle, cover it with a sock and secure with an elastic band if needed. Dip the sock end into bubble mixture and blow for brilliant bubble snakes! Good for basic science; talking about air in bubbles and measuring the length of the snakes. Try different types of socks, bottles or add colour to the mix to create rainbow bubbles!





Soap Flakes Play

Babies / Toddlers / Pre-School / Club Caldecote

Activity: Use soap flakes for a cleaner version of slime!

Materials: Soap flakes (or make your own with a bar of soap and a grater.)

Learning: Mix your soap flakes with water and even food colouring to create a fluffy, creamy slime. Mark make and draw in it, talk about the texture and enjoy the 'clean' mess.





Estimation Socks

Toddlers / Pre-School

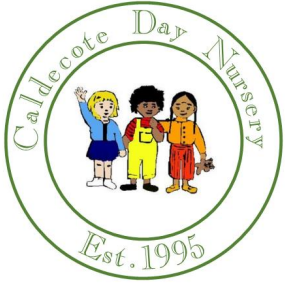


Activity: Estimate and count items in socks.

Materials: Socks, small items to put inside.

Learning: Gather a collection of small items to place in some socks. For example, coins, Lego, pebbles, beads or crayons. Secure the top with a peg or rubber band. Ask your child to shake and feel each sock, estimating how many items they think have been hidden inside. Once they have had a guess, open up the sock and count together. Were they right? Was their estimation close? Can they accurately count the objects?





Cookie Cutter Stencils

Toddlers / Pre-School / Club Caldecote

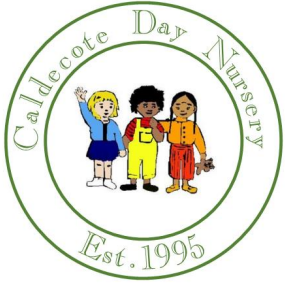


Activity: Create artwork using cookie cutters as stencils.

Materials: Paper, pencils and cookie cutters.

Learning: Great for fine motor skills, using a steady hand to draw around the cookie cutters. Colour and decorate the pictures afterwards. Find other things around the house to draw around...jar lids, hands, toys or keys. Draw around something and see if your child can guess what it is.





Vegetable Printing

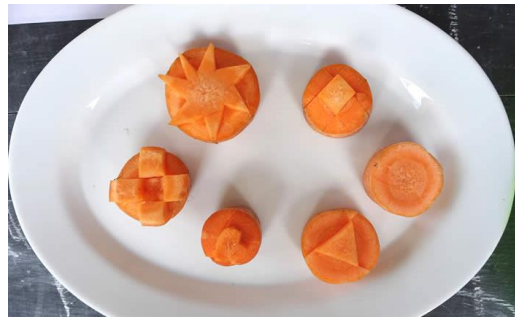
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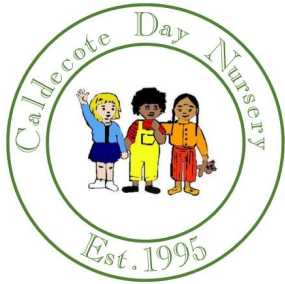
Activity: Use up out of date vegetables to create some impressive printing.

Materials: Vegetables, sharp knife, paper and paint.

Learning: Use vegetables as printing stamps to create patterns, pictures and designs. Use a sharp knife to cut a design or ask older children to have a go at cutting their own (with adult supervision.) Use the heart of celery to make flower pictures. Be creative, experiment with different vegetables and see

what works well.





Rice Crispy Treats

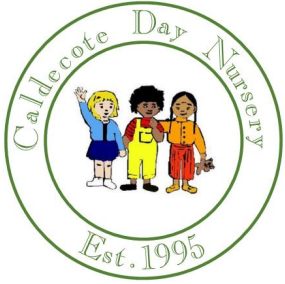
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Activity: Make some delicious rice crispy treats in cake cases or try something different with them...

Materials: Chocolate to melt, rice crispies, cake cases, sweets or other toppings.

Learning: Have fun in the kitchen making some crispy cakes. Add sweets for a topping; make a large one in a baking tray or add melted marshmallows for a really gooey treat. Why not try your hand at something amazing like a three tier crispy cake!





Bubble Wrap Printing

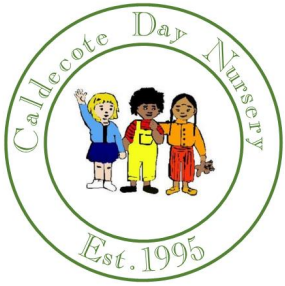
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Activity: Use bubble wrap as a base to paint on and make some interesting, printed pictures.

Materials: Bubble wrap, paint, brushes and paper.

Learning: Paint patterns on to bubble wrap and then print on top with paper. Wrap bubble wrap around a cardboard tube to make a bubble wrap roller. Use a range of colours and then draw a shape, animal, or other picture to cut out.





Colours in Nature Hunt

Babies / Toddlers / Pre-School



Activity: Get outdoors and look for colours in nature.

Materials: All you need is some way to collect the colours you find.

Learning: Learn about colours and nature by going on an outdoor colour hunt. Collect items in an egg box, use doubled sided tape on a piece of paper or draw an area on the ground to gather and collect the colours you find. Why not use technology and photograph the colours you see and put them in a collage!





Bird Houses

Club Caldecote

Activity: Use an old milk bottle or carton to make a bird house.

Materials: Milk bottle, milk carton, something to decorate them and bird seed or leftover cereal.

Learning: Use a sharp pair of scissors to cut out and create the shapes required on the bird house. Decorate in some way, fill with food and hang it up outside. If you don't have a milk carton...you could always be creative!





Chocolate Mud Play

Babies / Toddlers / Pre-School

Activity: Enjoy a small world scene with some edible mud!

Materials: Cocoa powder, flour, water or chocolate angel delight mixed with water.

Learning: Make a safe and edible mud scene using cocoa powder with flour and water or a water based angel delight mix. Add farm animals, diggers, cars, trucks or whatever your child is interested in to make a small world that's as tasty as it is imaginative!





Time Capsule

Babies / Toddlers / Pre-School / Club Caldecote

Activity: Make a time capsule as a snapshot of you today and keep it safe to open again in the future...

Materials: Lists about favourite books, TV shows, newspaper clippings, photographs, a diary entry...whatever will help to remember you as you are now.

Learning: Gather together a collection of items, thoughts and feelings about you, as you are now. Include pictures of family, friends, your likes and hobbies. Collect them in a box and put it in a safe place to look at again in the future. If you bury it in the garden make sure it is in a suitable container that will not rot. Make sure you also remember where you put it for the future!

