

A Guide to Messy Play...



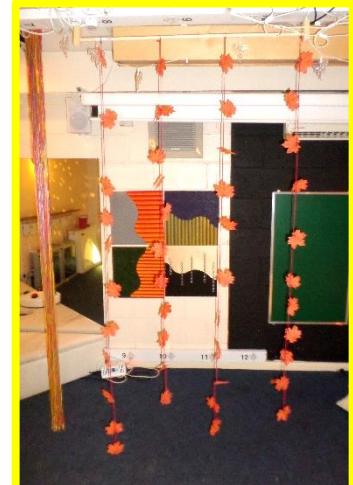
Welcome back! I hope everyone had a lovely half-term and that you're ready for more wonderful messy and sensory ideas!

Over the last few weeks during Friday's Messy Play Club we have been focussing on the fun autumn brings. Autumn is a fantastic season for simulating the senses; from the bright colours to the rustling leaves – everything tempts you to want to have sensory experiences!

Let's get cosy...

I decided to make the sensory room into a cosy autumn hideaway. So obviously we had to have a den! The children loved it, especially because they could snuggle up and play with the sensory bottles.

To accompany our den, I made an autumn leaves ceiling hanging. I set out duvets underneath the leaves enabling our pupils to have a relaxing, autumnal time out of their equipment.



Autumn Masterpieces...

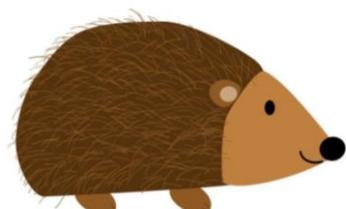
Gathering autumn leaves and conkers for a messy masterpiece is always a good idea! By placing a piece of paper in a tuff tray along with autumnal finds and coloured paints allows your child to be creative and have a sensory experience at the same time!



Helpful Hedgehogs...

I wanted to have a body awareness activity for our pupils that was based around autumn.

I had a helping hand from our hedgehog friends! Staff gently rolled hair rollers along the children's arms and legs to represent the prickliness of a hedgehog. The pupils showed very good responses to the activity! We will definitely be repeating it!



Thank you for reading the Messy Play Newsletter. Due to Friday's clubs changing for the new term, the upcoming newsletters will be about fantastic sensory play! Many thanks, Jenny (Teaching Assistant) ☺

A Guide to Messy Play... Bonfire Night

Our bonfire night themed messy play session was a rocketing success; the children loved it! I draped materials and hung glow sticks around the sensory room, so the children could fully embrace the bonfire night theme.



Fantastic Fireworks...

Wondering what to do with all your cardboard toilet rolls? Well look no further! Here is a super easy and fun firework activity with paint!

All you need to do is:

- Select bright paints.
- Cut the cardboard tubes upwards at the end.
- Have paper at the ready!
- Sprinkle glitter over the wet paint.



Snap, Crackle, Pop!

Want to change up your shaving foam for a bonfire night sensory experience?

Why not try adding popping candy for instant firework sound effects!

Crackle foam produces lots of giggles as it tickles little hands!



Spaghetti Brushes...

Spaghetti brushes help make fantastic firework paintings!

Simply tie a regular rubber band around the spaghetti $\frac{1}{4}$ of the way down and cook like normal. When cooked run under a cold tap and swirl in a little oil. Then start to paint and create awesome bonfire night art!