

A Guide to Messy Play...

HALLOWEEN

Welcome back! October has been a very busy month for Messy Play Club. The children have experienced spooky themed mess and fully embraced the fun Halloween brings!



The Halloween Messy Play sessions were exactly how they should be – very sensory, slimy, and **lots of fun!**

Exploring Pumpkins...

With it being Halloween at the end of the month I obviously had to buy a pumpkin and fill it with slime!

If you are looking for an alternative to carving pumpkins, here's a Halloween sensory experience that your child can safely be involved in, here's the recipe;



DIY Pumpkin Slime

- 1 small pumpkin
- 1 cup of cornflour
- ½ cup of water
- Orange food colouring (optional)

How to create the awesome Pumpkin Slime

1. Remove and clean out the pumpkin guts and seeds (place ½ of the mixture a separate bowl, ready for later).
2. Add 1 cup of cornflour to the pumpkin mixture.
3. Add ½ cup of water.
4. Mix well and fill the pumpkin.



'Eye' can see you...

If you fancy changing your jelly for Halloween why not try 'edible eyeballs'...
Tasty, simple and very effective!

1. Pour the jelly mixture into a cupcake baking tray.
2. Pop a raisin or a blueberry into each individual jelly mixture.
3. Place the jelly into the fridge until set.

Important Reminder: All of the children's dietary requirements/allergies are followed by the Messy Play Club. Therefore the jelly used was 100% vegetarian.

Another trick for a jelly treat is...



Wriggly Jelly Worms!



Ingredients for Wriggly Jelly Worms

- 2 packets of jelly
- 1 packet unflavoured gelatine (optional)
- 3 cups of boiling water
- Green/Red food colouring
- Flexible straws
- Tall container
- ¾ whipping cream

Recipe for Wriggly Jelly Worms

1. Combine gelatine and jelly in a bowl, then add boiling water.
2. Let it cool until lukewarm and then add the whipping cream and 15 drops of food colouring.
3. Gather your straws (don't forget to flex them out) and put them in the tall container. Remember to fully fill the container till the straws are securely in place.
4. Pour the jelly mixture into the straw-filled container and let it set in the fridge until firm.
5. There are multiple ways you can remove the worms from the straws. You can roll a rolling pin over the straws and squeeze them out or you can hold the straws over warm water (they will then slide out easily).

DIY Pumpkin Scented Playdough Recipe

- 2 cups of Flour
- ½ cup of Salt
- 1 cup of Water
- 2 Tbsp Oil
- Orange Food Colouring
- 2 Tbsp Pumpkin Spice
- A handful of red lentils or pumpkin seeds



Look how much spooky fun we had...



Thank you for reading the Halloween themed Messy Play Newsletter. I hope you all have a fantastic week off and hopefully you get to try out some of the activities at home! Many thanks, Jenny (Teaching Assistant) ☺