ART NURTURE IDEAS
Arts and Crafts For Early Years

<u>Rainbow Collage</u>

More rainbows! I know we have had a bombardment of rainbows over the last couple of months but I love this simple idea! Children could do this in pair work or independently.

1.   **Cut some cardboard stencils of rainbows to collage. Then cut up some small pieces of coloured paper, mixed tissue paper, magazine cuttings, collage patterned papers. Separate colours into little bowls as in the picture below to make it easier for the younger years.**
2.   **Stick and collage. They could add glitter or coloured pom poms to add different media.**

Tips! *The arts and crafts section in Stratford centre poundstore sell the little colour pom poms (pictured below) for £1 a pack incase you want to go the extra mile!*
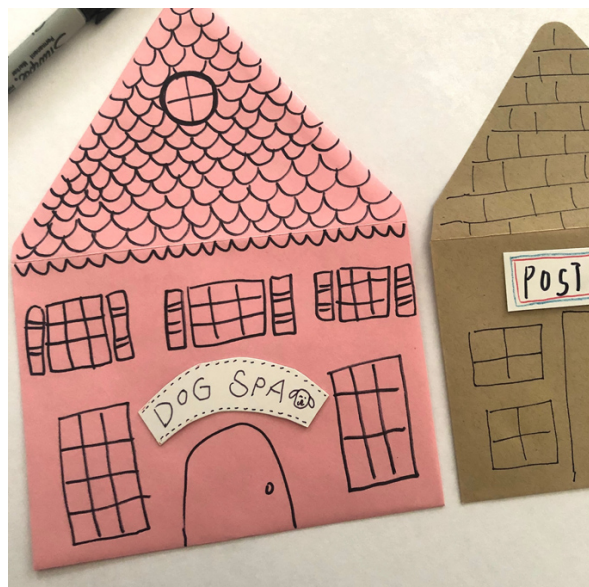
<u>Envelope Homes\Cities</u>
<u>Social Studies</u>

This idea is all about community. In this sweet project we can think about the people and places we see each day in and around our home, town or city. Children are missing their friends and maybe some family during this time so in this project we can make a virtual community so we can help the children still feel connected! This can be done in pair-work/groups or independently.

1) Find some envelopes in different shapes and sizes and use them with the flap folded up so that it looks like the shape of a house.   If you don't have any envelopes cut some house shapes out from different coloured papers. Gather some felt tip pens and colouring pencils.

2) Turn the envelopes into houses and create a town or city. Children may choose to draw their home, their favourite shop, a post office, their school, their church, their mosque etc. Let the ideas flow!

3) You can then connect their envelopes together on a board to create a sense of community. This could be a continuous project and can always be added to.

Tips! *The children can make little people using paper and pens (like below) or popsicle sticks to make people which again can be bought in the pound stores.*

Hanging Mobile Art!

Another simple idea but very effective. Using a clothing hanger or a little stick as above to create a hanging mobile. You can be so imaginative with this and there are many ideas on the internet for hanging mobiles. These are three I love especially because they are simple enough for the younger years to do.

1) Cut a selection of paper shapes out and scatter them on their tables. Talk about what shapes they are and ask the children to paint them or use felt tips to colour different patterns.

2) Find a selection of leaves when you are out walking. You may want to dry the leaves first for a couple of days in a warm place before painting. Let the children be imaginative using their favourite colours.

3) For the third idea find a twig and think of a scene. The sky as above, the ocean, or the forest etc. Get the children to draw what they would find in these habitats and then hang their pictures from the twig!

Tips! *It might be useful to print out some simple patterns for the children to copy from.*

Little People

Below are a couple of photos from last weeks project. The children loved this and again something that can either be done in class or at home. We focused this around friendship and asked the children to make themselves or a friend. It gave the children the opportunity to talk to us and their peers about their friends that they are missing at the moment and looking forward to seeing again.

1. *Cut out some paper stencils of boys and girls. This can be found on the internet.*
2. *Gather any collage materials you have and place in small bowls for the children to use. This could include tissue papers, collage papers, glitters (if you have the patience!) stickers, felt tip pens and pencils.*
3. *Ask the children to decorate!*
4. *These can be put together on a string and hung up!*

Tips! I have some left over stencils so please come and see me and happy to hand over. I also have some examples if you would like to borrow for the children to get ideas.
ENJOY! X