

Outdoor home learning challenge

Week beginning 6th July 2020

How can you engage your children with mark making?

- Get outdoors and make footprints, make Muddy patterns and play with friends, siblings and adults to make patterns and follow-my-leader fun.
- Use sticks to make a Muddy trail : how long can you make it?
- Use cloths or scarves to make patterns in the air. Make wiggles, zigzags and circles using your whole body. Make your initial, your name or your favourite word.
- Use a steamy or icy window as a natural chalkboard. Make patterns, write your name or a list of words. (life's too short to worry about smeary windows :)
- Make dough using 1 cup flour, half cup salt and half a cup water. Play with your dough - give your fingers a workout, press, stretch and squeeze to develop the muscles in tiny hands.



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Penny Whitehouse

Collect in some leaves then, using a marker pen, write lots of words on them. What words you choose is up to you. But, to get an idea of the types of level they're at, pick up a reading book from school and copy words from there. Choose around 10.

Head outside and ask your child to throw them in the air. This is the fun part! Pick one, a bit like crystal maze! They then have to read the word they picked. Repeat the process and collect them all up again then thrown them.

Swap roles and let your child be the observer and to check if you're right. Once they have read the word, ask them to make a sentence out of it too. This helps your child to put it into context and are more likely to then use this word in writing later.