

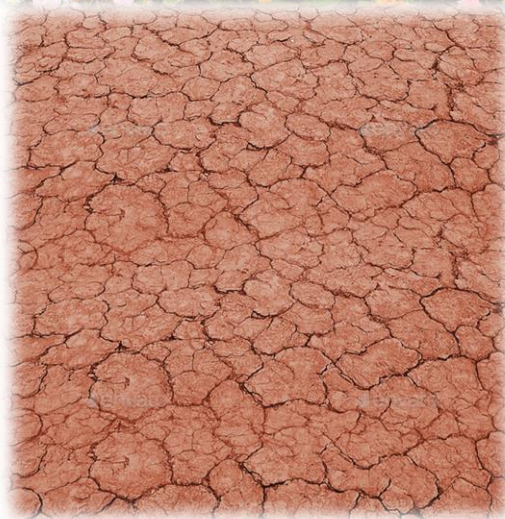
Making art with
nature

Art Project Information

- This is a project for you all to get creative with nature. Making paints out of natural materials is a great way to explore art and create some fabulous artwork.
- All the information you will need is in this pack, so have a read and let your creativity run wild.
- If you would like your artwork to be put into a virtual gallery, email in a picture of your artwork via your class email. This will then be put together with all the other artwork into a video displaying all of your wonderful creations.
- Please note that photographs that are emailed in will be made public on the school website for anyone, including members of the public to view. Therefore, think about the content of the photographs before you send them in e.g. Are you happy for your child's face to be included? Or, just email a picture of the artwork.
- Deadline for submitting artwork is **Friday 26th June**.
- Have fun and enjoy yourselves!

Making paints:

- Did you know that you can make paint from lots of things outside and in your spice cupboard!
- This project aims to get you experimenting with colours and using the natural environment to create some artwork.
- First, you will need to think about what natural resources you could use to make some paint.
- You might want to choose some colourful flowers, some clay, chalk or even spices from your kitchen cupboards.





Using flowers:

- Flowers can be a great tool for creating colours. The only thing is that the colour of the flower might not be the colour that comes out when making the paint!

You will need:

- Flowers
- Water
- Honey (optional)
- Pestle and mortar
- Old cloth
- Paint cup
- Stirring stick

Step:

1. Pick your flowers. (**Only with guidance and permission from your parents/guardians**)
2. Remove petals from one flower and place in Pestle and Mortar.
3. Grind the petals down and add a tablespoon of warm water (or more if needed).
4. Place in middle of cloth, twist the cloth together squeezing the liquid from the petals and water mix into a paint cup.
5. You can then add half a teaspoon of honey, but this is optional. The honey will help bind the pigment to the water.



Using clay

- Clay takes a little bit longer to make paint out of. The great thing about using clay from around where you live is that the colour will be unique to your local area.

You will need:

- Clay
- Pestel and Mortar
- Paint mixing cup
- Water
- Stirring stick

Steps:

1. Collect some clay (2 tablespoons full) and let it dry.
2. Next, grind the clay to a fine powder in the Pestel and Mortar.
3. Add a tablespoon of water (you might need a little more), mix well and place into a paint pot and let it stand for a couple of minutes letting the solution separate leaving the heavy clay at the bottom.
4. Pour out the solution leaving the heavy clay in the cup. The solution is your paint and is ready to use.



Using chalk

- You can collect chalk from the natural environment or if you have coloured chalks at home you can use these too!
- If you are using natural chalk which is white, you could try mixing the chalk solution with other natural colours that you make- see what happens!

You will need:

- Chalk
- Pestle and Mortar
- Water
- Paint pots
- Stirring stick

Steps:

1. Place about a teaspoon of chalk in the Pestle and Mortar and grind down into a fine powder.
2. Next, add about 2 teaspoons of water (you may need more) and mix together into a solution.
3. Place solution into paint pots and you are ready to get painting!

Painting

- Once you have made your paints it is time to get creative!
- If you don't have paintbrushes don't worry, think about using what you can find outdoors to paint with. You might find a feather, a stick or a leaf that you create an interesting effect.
- Have a go and see what you can create!

