Individual Activity Lesson Plan



Date: Wednesday 27 th May 2020		
Activity Title: Jelly Playdough Ladybirds		
Learning Intention: Beginning to be interested in and describe the texture	Activity Overview:	
of things.	Make jelly play dough and use it	
Links to EYFS: Expressive Arts and Design, Maths	to make ladybirds.	
Resources:	Key vocabulary:	
-Jelly Playdough Recipe (see below)	Jelly, describe, smooth, sticky,	
-Red food colouring or paint	texture, playdough, form,	
-Black paper cut out into small spots	squeeze, roll, press, eyes, spots,	
-Googly eyes/pebbles/buttons	how many.	
-Pipe cleaners/twigs or spaghetti		
ACTIVITY IMPLEMENTATION (including key questions)		

Jelly Playdough Recipe

What You Will Need:

- 1 cup plain flour
- 1 tbsp oil
- 1 cup warm water

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- ½ cup salt
- 2 tsp cream of tartar
- 185g Packet Jelly Crystals

Instructions:

- Pour all dry ingredients, flour, salt and cream of tartar together in a saucepan.
- Add 85g packet to warm water and stir until mostly dissolved.
- Add jelly water and oil to dry ingredients.
- Cook over medium heat constantly stirring until it becomes a thick blob.
- Then turn out onto a clean surface and knead into a smooth ball. Be careful the play dough will be very hot! Use a little bit of flour if the play dough is sticky.

Introduction:

- Ask your child to help you to make the jelly playdough (be careful when adding the warm water).
- Explore the different ingredients together and encourage your child to touch, feel and to talk about the things that they see. Ask your child to describe the different textures of the ingredients.
- Would you like to help me to make some jelly playdough?
- Can you name all the different ingredients that you can see?
- How does the flour/jelly/cream of tartar/water/oil/salt/paint feel? Is it cold/warm/soft/powdery?

Main Activity:

• Explain to your chid that they will be making ladybirds today using playdough jelly



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- Show your child a picture of a ladybird and have a discussion about it. Talk about any specific features that it may have, in order to support your child with ideas for making their own representations.
- Ask your child to then create different sized balls (ladybirds' bodies) with the playdough.
- When ready, introduce the googly eyes, twigs and black spots and encourage your child to place them on top.
- Encourage your child to observe what they have made. Does it look like a ladybird? Maybe it resembles some other type of mini beast.
- How did you make your ladybird/s?
- How does the jelly playdough feel?
- How many ladybirds have you made?
- How many spots does it have?

Challenge:

Create different 3D shapes using the playdough such as a cube, cone, cylinder or sphere. Talk about the shapes and what they could be used for.

Additional ways to support your child:	Extension:
Observe some ladybird pictures to support your	Using your child's current knowledge, create as many
child's creation. You can also make your own	different bugs and insects using the playdough. What
ladybirds to model for your child.	another type of mini beasts can they think of? What
	shape are their bodies?