

Activity Lesson Plan

Rising 3's

Date: Thursday 14th May 2020

Activity Title: Pasta Rainbow - Recycling ('I can save the Earth' by Alison Inches)

Learning Intention:

- To develop and improving hand eye coordination through threading.
- To handle objects with increasing control.

Links to EYFS:

Expressive art and design
Physical development

Activity Overview:

Thread pasta on a string to strengthen and develop fine motor skills and make a rainbow.

Resources:

- Pasta (Penne, rigatoni) Glue
- String
- Food Colouring / Paint Paper
- Felt tip pens

Key vocabulary:

Rainbow, red, yellow, orange, green,, purple, blue, thread, pasta,

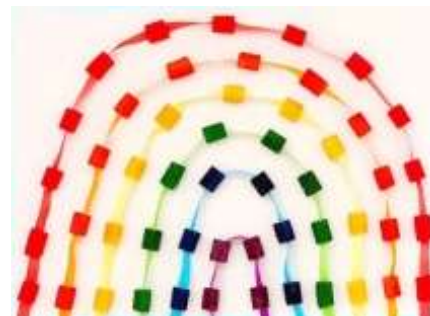
ACTIVITY IMPLEMENTATION (including key questions)

Introduction:

- Show your child a selection of pasta.
- Are these pasta pieces the same or different?
- Can you describe how they're different?
- Sing 'I can sing a rainbow'- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4g0NbaukkQc>

Main Activity:

- Explain that you are going to make a rainbow using pasta.
- Start by making different coloured pasta using food colouring, paint or felt tips. (Top tip – place the pasta in a food bag, add the paint/food colouring, seal the top and then mix the pasta and colouring by squeezing the bag). You may want complete this step the night before the activity to allow drying time.
- Once you have a selection of coloured pasta, lay it out and invite your child to sort it into colour groups.
- Demonstrate how to thread the pasta onto a piece of string and then invite your child to copy.
- Repeat until you have made a selection of different coloured threaded pasta strings.
- Arrange the threaded pasta strings into the shape of a rainbow.



Challenge your child by allowing them to stick their rainbow on paper. Will it be arched or will it be wavy? You can talk to your child by showing them a picture of a rainbow and asking them- is it the same? , What's Different?

- If I use this pasta (Macaroni) can I thread and make a rainbow?
- Can you describe how the pasta feels?
- One, two, three four, five –if we thread one more piece of pasta, how many will we have altogether?

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Additional ways to support your child:

- Support your child by using larger pasta pieces (which are easier to control and thread).

Extension:

- Make a pattern using three or four colours and turn it into a necklace/bracelet.