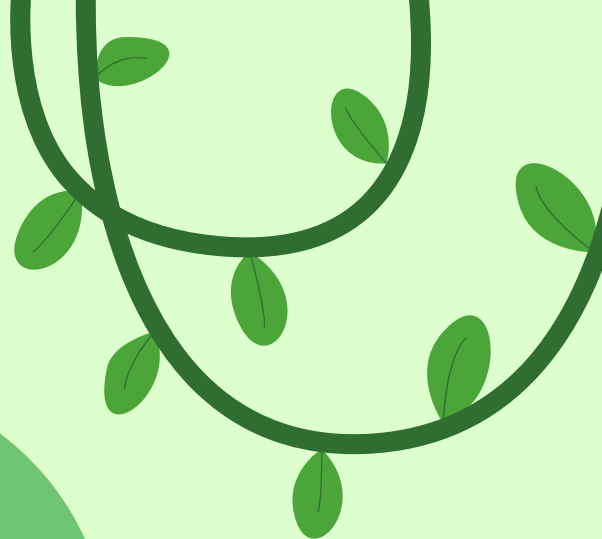




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EARTH DAY

EARLY YEARS ACTIVITIES



LET THE EARTH DAY FUN BEGIN...

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1. MILK EARTH EXPERIMENT

What you'll need:

- 1 cup of milk
- 4 tablespoons of vinegar
- Sharpies
- Cookie cutters
- A strainer
- Paper Towels

Method:

1. Heat 1 cup of milk in the microwave for 90 seconds
2. Mix in 4 tablespoons of vinegar and stir for 1 minute
3. Pour into a strainer and ensure you press out all of the milk.
4. Use the paper towel to ensure that all of the milk is gone.
5. Lay out a paper towel and a cookie cutter on top
6. Press the vinegar milk solution into the cookie cutter and let it set for 48 hours

Once the solution has set, you can decorate the shape with a sharpie! Why not make your own representation of the Earth?





2. RECYCLING SORTING

What you'll need:

- A range of materials such as paper, foil, plastic bottles, yogurt pots and more



Method:

A quick, simple but effective activity to get children thinking about our Earth and how they can do their bit to protect and preserve it.

Provide a range of materials and packaging and encourage children to first sort into what is recyclable and what is not.

Extend this activity by encouraging them to sort into piles according to their properties; paper, cardboard, tin and more.

3. NEWSPAPER ART

What you'll need:

- Newspapers
- Magazines
- Glue
- Scissors
- Paper



Method:

Provide children with a range of different paper such as newspapers and magazine and provide opportunities for rolling, shredding, cutting and sticking to make new pieces of art and pictures.



4. HOMEMADE SEED BOMBS

What you'll need:

- 3-4 packets of flower seeds
- 3 sheets of paper
- Food processor
- Scissors
- Water
- 3 small containers
- Baking sheet
- Parchment paper

Method:

1. Cut paper into squares, placing different coloured pieces into separate containers.
2. Cover with water and soak for 20 minutes.
3. One colour at a time, squeeze out excess water and food process until a fine pulp.
4. Divide the seeds between the containers and mix.
5. Then either roll separately or combine the pulp into balls, if you've got blue and green pulp, you can make your own mini Earth seed bombs!
6. Place the bombs onto a baking tray lined with parchment paper and leave to dry overnight.
7. Once dry, dig a hole in your soil or flower pot and plant your bombs!





5. ECO-FRIENDLY BIRD FEEDER

What you'll need:

- Plastic bottle
- Wire or string
- Bird seed
- Scissors



Method:

Cut a hole in the side of the bottle, about an inch towards the bottom. Make sure there is enough space for seeds to fall out.

Poke small holes in the bottom of your bottle to allow rainwater to drain.

Fill your bottle with seeds. Hang the bottle up with some string.

6. BUILD A BUG HOTEL

What you'll need:

- Hollowed out branches
- Twigs
- Leaves
- Wood chips
- Cardboard tubes



Method:

You can use a range of materials to build your bug hotel in whichever way or design you please

Use hollowed out branches and twigs, wood chips, cardboard tubes, leaves, bark and place together inside a solid structure, creating lots of nooks and crannies for the nature to hide in!

7. EARTH DAY TUFF TRAY



What you'll need:

- Tuff tray
- Small world creatures
- Rice
- Green food colouring
- Blue pom poms



Method:

Place some rice in a freezer bag along with a few drops of green food colouring and mix around.

Leave to dry for 10 minutes.

Sprinkle some rice onto your tuff tray to represent land, and add your small world creatures. add some blue pom poms into the 'water'.

8. EARTH DAY ART

What you'll need:

- Coloured paper
- Scissors
- Glue
- Googly eyes
- Sharpies



Method:

Cut a circle out of blue paper. Trace and cut out islands out of green paper and glue onto the blue paper. You can use continent printables or make your own designs.

Cut out a triangle from yellow paper and use this as a party hat. You can add coloured dots for a polka dot pattern. Add googly eyes to your earth and draw on a smile.

Finish by cutting a heart out of red or pink paper and adding this to your design.