

Hello everyone,

I hope you are all ok! I'm still missing you all very much! I know you're continuing to make me and your grown ups super proud. I wonder what lovely things you have all been up to. As it's half term this week I've tried to choose activities that can be done when you're out and about or relaxing.

## Science

We were going to study plants this half term:

- Can you remember what a plant needs to grow? Could you make a poster about it?
- Have a look at the different parts of a plant and their role.
- What plants can you spot in your garden or on a walk? Think about trees too! Look carefully at their leaves, you could sort them and compare the shape, colour and texture.
- Have you done any planting or gardening? Can you make some instructions to help someone else plant?

There's some quick questions attached at the end of this letter that may be helpful to show the level of detail we would go into.

## DT/ART

- What could you make from the recycling in your house? A monster? A house? A car? You could tweet them to the school account - I'd love to see your amazing creations.
- Play dough recipe: <https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/playdough-recipe>
  - **You will need**
    - 8 tbsp plain flour
    - 2 tbsp table salt
    - 60ml warm water
    - food colouring
    - 1 tbsp vegetable oil
  - **Method**
    1. Mix the flour and salt in a large bowl. In a separate bowl mix together the water, a few drops of food colouring and the oil.
    2. Pour the coloured water into the flour mix and bring together with a spoon.
    3. Dust a work surface with a little flour and turn out the dough. Knead together for a few minutes to form a smooth, pliable dough. If you want a more intense colour you can work in a few extra drops of food colouring.

4. Store in a plastic sandwich bag (squeeze out the air) in the fridge to keep it fresh. You can make a batch of colours and give away as kids' party bag favours or hold a playdough party for your child's next birthday.

Let your imagination run away with you - what can you make?

(Parents: play dough is a great way to help to strengthen fine motor skills which impacts on handwriting and pencil control. Try dough disco on YouTube for a really fun way to develop fine muscle control and co-ordination.)

## PE

Mini sports day! Create a competition with the people in your family. Make up challenges for each other - who can do the most star jumps in 30 seconds? Who can run the fastest around the garden? Can you balance on one foot for a whole minute? Incorporate classic activities like egg and spoon races, three-legged race, throwing/catching skills.

Have a fantastic week and keep smiling.

Take care,

Miss Walker

### Examples for Science:

1. Label the parts of the plant.



flower

leaf

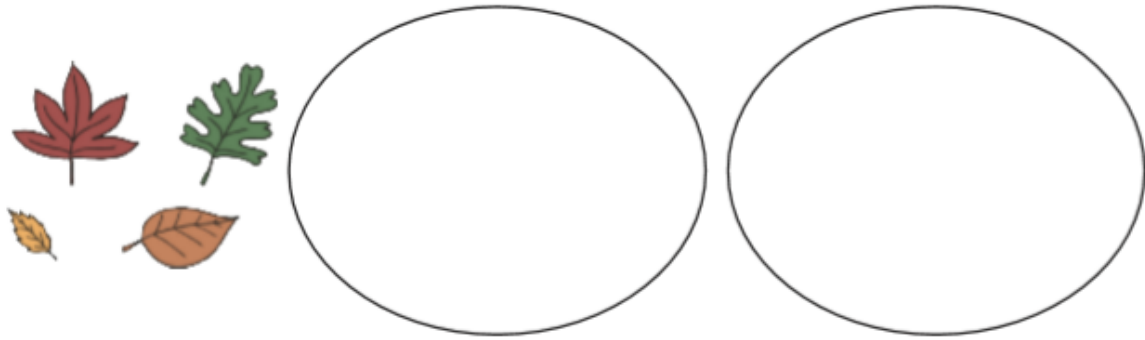
roots

stem

2. Can you name any of these flowers?



3. Sort these leaves into two groups.



Why did you make the choice that you did?