



Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Hello everyone!

Here's some ideas for what to do at home with your child.

We've been thinking about what the children love doing when they are at Lillian de Lissa Nursery. If you have a go at any of the activities we'd love to see a photo. You can send them to [s.appadu@ldelissa.bham.sch.uk](mailto:s.appadu@ldelissa.bham.sch.uk)

We print them out because the staff love seeing them so much.



### 1 Cornflour Slime.

"Oh no!" I hear you cry - "No way, too messy, it'll ruin my carpet and stain clothes!" Ok - we hear you - but please read on. Homemade slime is easy to wipe off surfaces and when it dries it goes back to being a powder - easy to Hoover up or sweep away. It won't stay on clothing. If you're still concerned about staining/mess- don't put food colouring in the mix or go outside if you have a garden. This activity is fun and fascinating for children (and adults!) and will really engage them - and that's when the learning happens - language to describe and make senses of what's going on, watching a substance change - science through play!

You will need a packet of cornflour (not flour) from the supermarket, some water, a bit of food colouring if you like and a container - a plastic bowl or a washing up bowl is ideal.

Put the cornflour in the bowl and slowly add the water (and a couple of drops of food colouring) and mix. Add the water just a little at a time until it's sloppy. Stir with a spoon and then get your hands in!

How does it feel?

Try this - let the slime run and drop from your fingers and then...squeeze it in your hands - what happens? Wow!

Have a go with your child. Children LOVE it when adults get involved- it makes them feel important that you're playing with them. And .. Lillian staff love this activity too- there's something very soothing about slime play!

<https://youtu.be/urnmjzQ-YW4>



2 At Nursery we have special books - our VERY favourite books that we keep in a book bag on the wall. Ask your child about the bags on the wall - all the children love those stories! Each group has a different bag every half term so that your child has experienced a range of fantastic books. Every week we'll post a link to one of the books we know that the children love.

This week it's Not now, Bernard. Bernard has something very important to tell his parents - there's a monster in the garden and it's going to eat him! But will they listen? And what happens when the monster goes inside the house?

<https://youtu.be/r8TpSVkMTcM>



### 3 EXCITING NEWS!

At school we have some Arts Connect boxes. We are so excited by this! The boxes contain a box of watercolour paints, paintbrushes, paper, pencils, playdough, a glue stick - everything your child needs to be creative!

Being creative makes us happy.

They are **COMPLETELY FREE** - just come to Nursery to collect a box for your child. Social distancing will be observed - do come and collect a box and say hello!

We know that being in lockdown with small children can be challenging sometimes. At Lillian de Lissa we often think of the children and the parents/carers. We do miss you.

Ring us for a chat if you need to and please know this - it's ok to ask for help.



Take care and stay safe,

Kind Regards,

All the Team at Lillian de Lissa Nursery School

## **Enjoy going online together**

The best way to keep your family safe online, and to understand your child's internet use, is to use technology and the internet together. Get to know how a game or device works by exploring it as a family and finding where the main settings and safety features are.