



JUNK MODELLING



What you need:

1. A selection of old cardboard packets, tubs, lids, small lengths of string etc. Please make sure items are clean and washed. Children with allergies should not play with packets which may have contained those food items.
2. Some glue, cello tape and scissors (for children aged 3+).
3. Paints, things to stick or felt tip pens.

What to do:

1. Put all of the junk items onto a table. You may want to cover the table with an old cloth or newspaper first.
2. Set up a station with the glue and cello tape. Older children can cut the cello tape using blunt scissors whilst supervised by an adult.
3. Allow your child to explore the items and start to create a masterpiece.
4. Your child may want to paint/colour items as they go or do this at the end.

This activity supports imagination and creativity skills. Your child will come up with a plan of action to create their 'end product' or may choose to make an artistic sculpture. Your child will find ways to attach items to one another whilst developing fine motor skills, as well as problem solving by working out the best ways to do this.

Your child will gain a sense of achievement as their junk model takes shape and this helps build self-confidence. The activity also promotes positive environmental messages through reusing and recycling items that would otherwise be thrown away.