



SCRATCH & SNIFF PAINTING

Materials you need:

1. 1- 3 boxes of flavoured Jelly Mix or Gelatine (1 box is fine if you only want one batch of paint to use).
2. Cold and hot water
3. Whisk
4. Brushes and Paint Pots.
5. Paper plates, paper or card.

Setup for play:

- Mix jelly crystals as directed on the packet but make sure to only use half the amount of water listed. Divide the jelly liquid among the paint pots, jars or bowls.
- Add brushes and use the mixture as a sensory, smelly paint! Toddlers might find it easier to use stubby brushes or shaving brushes as they are easier to hold and dip into the paint.
- Encourage children to paint on the paper and when dry, show them how to scratch their paintings then sniff to smell the different flavours. What food do they smell like to you? What will we name this flavour/smell?

What are they learning with this activity?

As they create using the aromatic jelly paint the children are learning to:

- Use descriptive language to describe textures, materials and actions.
- Use hand/eye coordination skills and demonstrate spatial awareness
- Manipulate objects to explore motion, cause and effect
- Use their senses to assist and guide learning.
- Understand what we can do with different parts of our body and the sense of smell.
- Strengthen fine motor muscles and control
- Express themselves creatively while investigating and experimenting
- Create with different mediums and textures
- Recognise the contributions they make to shared projects and experiences
- Identify, name and mix colours

Extending the play:

1. Talk about the part of the body used for smelling and what else we might smell when painting.
2. Look at books or videos featuring pictures of clowns and animals with distinct noses e. g. elephants, dogs, horses and pigs. Point out the different kinds of noses and how the clowns and animals use them.

