# Sandwick Early Years Department



Playdough Numeracy divide and roll into as many pieces as you can and count up, what number comes after?.....can you count on?

How many sticks can you stick into the play dough? What animal does it look like?

Playdough Literacy - can you the play dough into the first letter of your name? what sound does that make? Can you use a stick to write your name in the play dough?

## Phonics - Focus on a sound a

week: this week 'S'

Have a hunt in house and see

what find starting with' 's'. Draw and write pictures starting with 's'. Do something that makes you 'Smile'. Draw how you can stay 'Safe'. The list goes on.

PE—Hopping – can you hop on one leg, keeping your balance and not falling over. If you find this a bit tricky you can practice holing onto something and hopping. Count how many hops you can do.

Rhyme: Baa Baa black sheep. Have fun with the rhyme use this website for craft ideas <a href="https://">https://</a> www.learningpuddles.com/baa-baa-black-sheepactivities/ how many sheep can you see when you go for your walks?

This week we are suggesting a focus of: Playdough At Sandwick EYD we have a 'Playdough Palace' equipped with ingredients and a picture where children can make up their own playdough. This promotes independence and self-esteem along with the joy of making something that contains hours of fun.

#### What are the benefits?

Playdough is fun to make

Strengthens muscles in hands essential for prehandwriting skills

Develops the child's imagination and creativity

Develops communication and sequencing skills

Incorporates measuring, pouring, mixing and counting essential STEM skills

Open ended toy which can be used in any way the child I wants to play with it, making shapes, faces, flowers, animals, roll into balls or sausage shapes, use a knife and

**Story: Dinky Donkey read by Lee** 

Please go to our blog to see Lee read it

https://

blogs.glowscotland.org.uk /sh/sjhs/early-years/

### Playdough nursery

#### recipe:

1 cup plain flour

1TBSP oil

1TBSP cream of tartar (optional)

½ cup salt

1 cup lukewarm water

Add any colouring, scent, petals, glitter etc to personalise

#### Method:

Add all ingredients into large bowl Mix together with a spoon Dust work surface with a little flour and

kneed until it forms a soft dough consistency

Store in an airtight container

This will last around 3 days.

These are just ideas you can suggest to your child and see where they take it. Have fun, share what you do on Learning Journals in the 'parent contributions' section. Take care and be safe EYD

Team























