

## Activity 5 – Mark making

### Creating leaf, stone, wall and bark rubbings

#### What to do

- Choose a bumpy surface and talk about the texture. Encourage your child to run their fingertips over it and describe what they feel.
- Demonstrate how to create a rubbing by holding the paper in place on the bumpy surface and rubbing firmly over it with the side of a crayon. Discuss what happens and explore how a light touch doesn't show on the paper and pressing too hard creates a harsh, uneven effect.
- Explore other potential surfaces to create a rubbing from, allowing your child to explore and experiment.
- Explore different surfaces of the same object, e.g. *sides of a leaf*.

#### What you need

Fat crayons with sides exposed (peel off paper wrappers)  
Outside textures to rub – leaves, brick/stone wall, trees and any other bumpy surfaces  
Paper



#### Extension

Try to guess which surfaces created which patterns.  
Try different colours, experimenting with layering one rubbing over another.  
Cut out some of the rubbings into different shapes to make a picture.

#### Questions to ask

How could we describe the texture? How does it feel?  
What pattern do you think it will make?  
Shall we test it?  
What pattern have we got?  
What is the best way to hold the crayon?  
What happens if we swap colours?  
Do you think the wall will make a pattern?  
What will happen if we try the other side?