

Wildflowers Topic Newsletter - Spring 1

Muck, Mess and Mixtures

We're warning you; this is going to get messy!

On Monday, we'll have a messy morning to investigate mixtures, from paint and toothpaste to jelly and shaving foam. We'll start the story of *George's Marvellous Medicine* and will write recipes, leaflets, lists and stories of our own.

We'll use our science skills to explore everyday materials, investigate soap products and understand why mixtures freeze and melt. We'll learn how to measure using scales, measuring jugs and cylinders accurately.

We'll taste a wide variety of foods, learn about healthy eating and follow recipes to make some yummy treats including pizza and ice cream (hopefully!). Our artwork will also rely on our mixing skills. We'll use marbling inks to make unusual patterns, create food landscapes inspired by Carl Warner, paint with ice cubes, model clay into exciting shapes and use a variety of materials to make mixed media collages. We'll also design and create our very own mud kitchen to play in. Yuck!

At the end of our project, we'll turn our classroom into a gallery and invite you to view our exhibition. We'll arrange images from the project and demonstrate our messy science investigations.

During this topic we will cover -

English: Labels, lists and captions, recipes, poetry, stories and leaflets

Art & design: Printing, food landscapes, mixed media pictures and collages, colour mixing and using clay

Computing: Stop-motion animation, digital photography and presentations

D&T: Food tasting, origins of food, healthy meals, following recipes and designing an outdoor kitchen

Mathematics: Measurement (capacity and mass)

PSHE: Safety around medicines and household products

Science: Everyday materials

Topic homework:

Turn this letter over to find this half term's (optional) topic homework. If you could make sure the homework is in before Wednesday 12th February so that we have enough time to share it with the whole class. We are already looking forward to what homework will be produced!

Messy Monday:

On Monday 13th January, could you please send your child into school wearing clothes you don't mind being covered in muck, mess and mixtures. We can't promise they will come home clean! We are planning on being extremely hands on with all sorts of mixtures - paint, shaving foam, cornflour and water just to name a few!

We hope you've had a brilliant holiday!

Mrs Cox, Mr Ford and Mrs Fletcher.

