



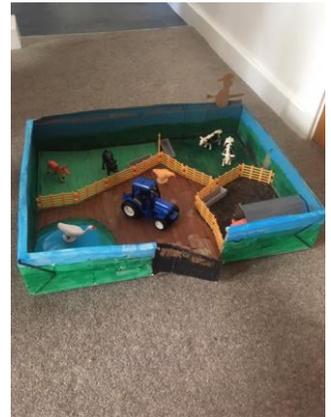
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The weekly news from Caythorpe Primary School

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Caythorpe Pupils @ Home

Caythorpe Primary School pupils have had another great week. They have continued to develop a wide range of skills and enjoy a variety of activities this week through reading, writing, making models, enjoying the outdoors, getting creative and even finding new ways to travel down the stairs!! Thank you so much for sharing all of your varied and amazing experiences with us. It is great to see what you have been getting up to during lockdown!



Mindfulness

Here are a couple of mindful recipe ideas to keep children's and adults minds occupied during this anxious time, these are great fun to make and are great sensory toys.

Homemade Slime Recipe

Makes 1 small ball

Takes 10 minutes

- 100ml PVA white glue (children's craft glue or CE marked glue)
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp bicarbonate of soda
- gel food colouring
- 1 tsp contact lens cleaning solution
- glitter (optional)

This method makes a ball of flexible slime close to silly putty in texture. It stays clean in your hands, making it a good choice for little ones.

1. Squeeze the glue into a mixing bowl (look for a bottle in a 100ml size if possible so you won't have to measure it out). Add the bicarbonate of soda and mix well.
2. Add a drop or two of your chosen gel food colouring. Less colouring gives a pastel colour; the more you add, the brighter the colour. Mix until well incorporated.
3. Add the contact lens solution and mix. The slime will begin to form, going stringy before coming away clean from the bowl into a ball.
4. Once it has formed, take it out and knead it with your hands. It will be sticky at first but after about 30 seconds you'll have a smooth and pliable ball. Add glitter at this point, if desired, and work in with your hands. Store in a pot with a lid.

Try adding a bit of shaving foam for a more fluffier slime.

You can make all different slimes depending on what food colouring or glitter you add in. Try making mermaid slime, alien slime or even challenge yourself in making unicorn slime!

Mrs Dewey's Homemade Playdoh

Makes 1 large coloured ball

Prep 10 minutes

- 2 cups plain flour
- 1 cup table salt
- 2 cups warm water
- food colouring
- 2 tbsp vegetable oil
- 2 tbsp cream of tartar

1. Mix the flour, salt and cream of tartar in a large bowl and mix together.
 2. Add the vegetable oil.
 3. Put the food colouring into the warm water and mix together
 4. turn the mixture out on a floured surface and knead together.
 5. Store in an airtight container or plastic freezer bag
- Playdoh is great for little hands and little imaginations and the ingredients are easily found in your cupboard. Add different food colourings to make different rainbow colours and even try adding some essence, for example peppermint to add a new dimension.

That's a couple of ideas and once made you can store them in your sensory box. Keep safe and have fun.

Reopening update

The Government will make the final decision about schools opening when they meet on Thursday 28th May but at the moment we are planning to reopen on Monday 1st June for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. We will continue our provision for the children of Key workers and vulnerable children as we have since lockdown began. Please ensure that you have read all of the information that was sent out last week so that our adopted systems can work as effectively as possible.

We have planned comprehensive systems to reduce the risk of spreading the virus. I am happy that we can meet all DfE guidance. Our risk assessment addresses all aspects of the school day and includes:

- Entry and exit control measures at the start and the end of the day
- Movement round the school
- Hygiene and hand washing
- Cleaning protocols
- Classroom organisation (15 children per room maximum)
- Break and lunchtimes
- Illness and PPE
- Staffing levels

Please remember that should we open it will be your choice whether you send your child to school or not, nothing negative will happen in terms of non-attendance.

We have not received any further information or guidance about Year 2 - Year 5 pupils returning to school but as soon as we do, I will let you know.



Despite the changes made, the classrooms still look bright and cheerful and as always we will continue to do our best to ensure that pupils are happy and safe in school.

E-Safety Poster Competition Winners

Congratulations to Dotty, Daisy & Imogen for producing the winning entries for our 'E-Safety Poster Competition'. Their posters are bright, clear, well laid out and very informative. E-Safety is extremely important and it is vital that everyone knows how to use technology safely. Thanks to the Dixon Trio all pupils at Caythorpe Primary School will know how to keep safe online!

