Creative play helps a child to:

- develop hand movement
- encourage imagination
- experiment with different materials
- experience feeling different textures

Ideas to try:

- **Cook together** – make biscuits then decorate with coloured icing, make faces with raisins!
- **Make animal masks** from paper plates.
- **Try potato printing** – cut out patterns then print using paints.
- **Make collages by sticking materials on to card.** You could use sweet wrappers, glitter, bottle tops, magazine pictures, string, tin foil, uncooked pasta and other food items.
- **Make pictures using paints, pens, crayons and chalks.**
- **Use jam, chocolate spread, peanut butter, honey etc for finger painting.**
- **Make play dough** – model into shapes.
- **Try drawing around hands and feet.**
- **Make models from old food packets, containers and boxes.**