

Have a lovely summer and we can't wait to see you at school in September!



Parents, if you have any questions or worries about your child starting school please ensure you get in touch via the school telephone number and ask for any member of the reception team.

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We hope you and your child are excited to start Reception at Mount Pleasant Primary School. Whether you managed to visit us or watched the virtual tour we hope it has made you feel at ease and ready for September. We cannot wait to get your child's learning journey underway.

This booklet includes a simple no-cook playdough recipe for you to follow at home. It also has a range of activities that will develop basic skills to help your child be ready for school.

We hope you have lots of fun!



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Our School Motto - "Think Big, Aim High & Achieve!"

A simple guide to making 'No - Cook' playdough.

You need:

- 2 cups plain flour
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil (baby oil and coconut oil work too)
- 1/2 cup salt
- 2 tablespoons cream of tartar
- 1 to 1.5 cups boiling water (adding in increments until it feels just right)
- Food colouring (optional)

All these ingredients are measured out in your bag. All you need to do is follow the instructions below and add water.

Instructions

1. Add the bag of dry ingredients into a bowl. This is the flour, salt, cream of tartar and colouring.
2. Pour in 2 teaspoons of the oil into your mixing bowl.
3. Using lukewarm water from the tap, carefully add a little bit at a time into your bowl. Mix together until it combines.
4. If your dough gets too sticky add a little more flour.
5. Once combined take out of the bowl and knead for a couple of minutes.
6. Finally, you should have play dough that is just right and ready to use!



Parents—Get your child school ready!

Practicing getting undressed and dressed in-dependently.

Practice using the toilet and basic hygiene.

Practise writing their name using phonics sounds.

Share a book with your child every day and talk about it!

Encourage them to speak about things that interest them.

Count, count and count!

Count the steps to the car, the plates on the table, the amount of toys they have.

Spend time outdoors to encourage your child's physical activity.

Make things with your child to get them used to holding pencils, scissors and play dough etc.

Playdough cake

When you come to school you will do lots of counting! Why not use your playdough to practise your counting now?

Make a cake and candles out of your playdough. Can you count out the correct number of candles for your last birthday? Can you count out the correct number of candles for your next birthday?



Get 'dinner ready'!

At school we eat our delicious dinners with a knife and fork. Using cutlery can be a tricky business! Why not use your playdough to practise holding a knife and fork and using them to cut?



We hope that you enjoyed making your playdough!

Why not try these playdough activities to help your child get ready for starting school?

Finger gym

Playdough is a fantastic way to strengthen the muscles in little hands and strong hands make good writers!

Use your playdough to join in with a dough disco song on YouTube:

'I like to' playdough action song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BOLR3pQt8zg>



Name Writing

When you start school, you will need to learn to write your name. How will we know which beautiful picture on the drying rack belongs to you if you didn't put your name on it?

Use your playdough to practise writing your name.

