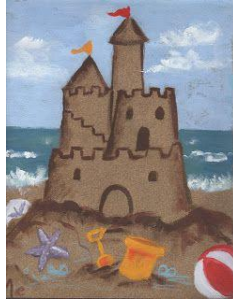


Thursday Arts & Crafts Day

Beach Theme



Since we're so lucky to have such a wonderful resource on our doorstep we thought it might be fun to base our arts and crafts day around the beach, and more specifically, sandcastles. Young or old, who doesn't love a sandcastle! All suggestions are suitable for all class levels.

We understand that not everyone might be able to make it to a beach, and if that's the case we've included some lovely sandcastle art ideas that can easily be done at home.


Before you start:

Let's do a bit of planning and prep work.

- ✓ What kind of castle or structure will you build?

Have a think about what accessories you could make or find at home to add to your sandcastle. For example, flat rocks could be painted as doors or windows, wooden skewers or cocktail sticks made into flags, animals, vehicles, boats, dragons, grass, trees/twigs and so on. Have a look at the pictures below for inspiration but use your imagination and have fun creating.



 For any of you who are serious about sandcastles you might enjoy this video on how to make some **really great sand creations**. There are some great techniques and tips on how to make your castle strong and easy to carve.

<https://safeYouTube.net/w/OaxJ>

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What you could bring to the beach:

- Buckets and spades
 - Accessories (flat stones, shells, flags, cars, boats, animals, toy trees, seaweed etc.)
 - Carving tools (spoon, fork, icing spatula, clay tools etc.)
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For those of you who might not be able to make it to the beach, here are some nice art projects you could try at home.

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How to Draw a Sandcastle - step by step.

This is a really easy to follow video on how to draw a sandcastle, it would be suitable from junior infants up. All you really need is paper, a **black marker** and some colours.



Here are some paper sandcastle craft ideas too.





We hope you have fun either at home or at the beach creating your sandcastles. All the teachers would love to see them so please upload a photo. Get digging!

