

Chalk Photography

World Photography Day is on 19th August 2021. Celebrate by taking part in an activity that incorporates chalk 'mark making' and photography.

Learning aims

- To make different marks using chalk, helping to develop fine motor skills
- To be creative, helping the children to use their imagination to think up different things they can create
- Use technology such as cameras and tablets
- Follow simple instructions in order to print the photos they take, gaining an understanding of how this process works
- Look at the photos and recall past events.



Resources

- A range of different colours and sized chalks
- Space outdoors to use the chalks (the larger scale the better)
- Camera/tablet.

Activity Outline

1. Talk to the children about World Photography Day, an annual, worldwide celebration of the art, craft, science and history of photography
2. Show them some images/examples of how they can use chalk to create backdrops for fun photoshoots (Search in your browser 'combine children's chalk drawing with photography' for lots of fun ideas)
3. Ask the children if they would like to have a go, give them access to a range of different colours and sizes of chinks and let them be imaginative and creative in what marks they make
4. Encourage the children to then play and be involved in the marks they make and take turns to take photos, examples could be that they use the chalk to create a large boat and then the child pretends to drive the boat and this becomes the photo etc.
5. Tie in with children's interests, chalk marks of dinosaurs, rainbows and unicorns would make great backdrops
6. View the photos, involve the children in printing some of the most popular ones and don't forget to share your best photos on social media and tag using #WorldPhotographyDay.

Extending the activity

- The older children could make marks for the younger children to then play in and have their photos taken
- If you don't have a larger enough area at your setting, consider an outing to a local park area that you could use
- If anyone at the setting or parents has an old camera, encourage them to bring it in so children can see how cameras and photography has changed over the years. Better still, if anyone has a drone, consider using that (with permissions and all risk assessments in place) to take a photo of all the chalk work you have created and all the nursery children from an aerial perspective, the children will be fascinated!

Special Considerations

Risk assess any outings. Usually, chalk will just wash away in the rain so there shouldn't be any concerns for using this in public but maybe double check if unsure.

Ensure you have permission from a parent for taking/displaying/sharing any photos of children.