

Gifts for Grandparents

Help the children in your setting to celebrate and appreciate their grandparents and the special people in their lives with an open ended crafting activity.

Learning aims

- For children to discuss their family and the special people in their lives
- To show affection and appreciation for people that are special to them
- This activity will support children's development in the areas of Personal, Social and Emotional, Communication and Language, Literacy and Expressive Arts and Design.



Resources

This would depend on exactly what the children decided to make, but a good selection of general open ended craft items such as:

- Paper and card
- Coloured pencils, crayons, felt tips or paints
- Glue, tissue paper and sprinkles etc.
- Paint, brushes, sponges and other printing items
- Camera (if they make a card, photo frame or bookmark)
- Clay
- Paper plates.

Activity Outline

- Begin by using your knowledge of the makeup of the families of your key children. Some will have Grandparents that live locally, some may have Grandparents that are further away or in another country and some children may not have Grandparents but may have other special people in their lives
- Talk to the children about their families. They may speak about a special family event or the time spent with others or use specific words to describe their special people
- Help children to decide what they would like to make, for example, a celebration card, a bookmark, photo frame, a Grandparents Award, model, painting or picture
- Talk to the children about what they are doing. If they are making a card or picture perhaps they would like to you write some of their special thoughts/words on a speech bubble so that they can add their words too?

Working with babies

Why not involve parents, asking them to provide photos of their family so that the babies and young children can point to and communicate to you about their special people?

Ensure you are aware of the specific names used for members of their family, such as Nanna, Grandad, Gramps and Pops.