

## Chase the rainbow activities

#frommywindow and #chasetherainbow are movements happening across the world to encourage children to display their arts and crafts in windows at home to help spread positivity. Children can look for artwork if they go out on a short walk under social distancing guidance.

Items you will need:



### Activity 1



**Write over colour words – mark making/letter formation practice.**

Alternate/extension ideas:

- Students write colours down themselves
- Students attempt to spell colour words
- Students to learn Makaton signs for colours

### Activity 2



**Sort mixed skittles into each colour (fine motor skills).**

**Count number of skittles for each colour – 1:1 correspondence practice.**

Alternate/extension ideas:

- Identifying different colours – give a smaller choice of colours if needed
- Is there more or less when comparing colours (e.g. 15 reds, 11 yellow – which one has more?)
- Let them eat a sweet, how many are left now? – subtraction
- Create fractions for each colour (number of colour on top of fraction, total number of sweets on the bottom fraction)



### Activity 3

**Place the skittles in a circle around the edge of a plate.**

Alternate/extension ideas:

- Make repeating patterns e.g. 2 red, 2 yellow, 2 red etc.
- Make alternate shapes with the skittles

### Activity 4



**Explain we are going to add water to the plate and discuss:**

**Make a prediction/what will happen?**

**Why do you think that will happen?**

**Observe - Talk about what you see happening**

**Act on any ideas e.g.**

**C: "it is going slowly"**

**Me: "What could make it go faster?"**

**C: "More water"**

**Me: "Let's try it out"**

Alternate/extension activities:

- Time how long it takes for the colours to dissolve and form a pattern
- Repeat it again with warm water – identify what you need to keep the same each time to make it fair (control variables – same amount of water, same number of skittles) discuss any differences that are observed or measured
- Why does this happen? GCSE students could try and link this to osmosis

### Activity 5



Watched 'ROY G BIV' song to learn correct order for the colours in rainbow (They might be giants – ROY G BIV)

Alternate/extension activities:

- Learn BLS alphabet signs
- Learn Makaton colour signs
- Sing and sign along to the song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gf33ueRXMzQ>

### Activity 6



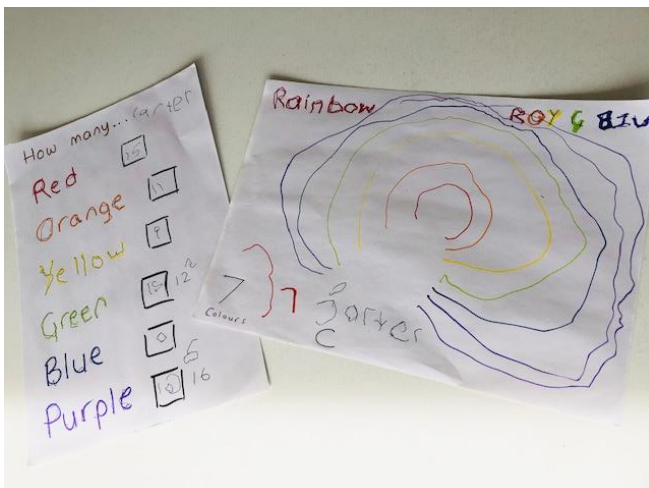
Create picture for 'Rainbow trail'

Use crayons/felts/paints to create pictures of a rainbow to display in your window at home

Alternate/extension ideas:

- Mark making
- Recall ROY G BIV and corresponding colours
- How many colours are in a rainbow?
- Create rainbow poem

### Our final products!



# Makaton Signs for Colours



Red



Yellow



Pink



Green



Orange



Purple



Blue



Black



White

# BSL - FINGERSPELLING ALPHABET

