

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP?

Dear Parents and Carers,

In Reception we are looking to develop the children's curiosity through a play-based approach to exploring 'Loose Parts.' 'Loose Parts' is the label given to any collection of natural or man-made materials that can be used to expand upon a child's play. These items can be used to create pictures, images and larger scale construction projects that are generally made up of small objects and/or common household objects. The idea behind this is that the 'Loose Parts' can be moved around, arranged, designed and taken apart easily, supporting the children in developing their creativity and supporting the development of their critical thinking skills.

We have provided some images below showing how 'Loose Parts' can be used by children. To make this approach to play and learning successful, the Reception team need your help to build up our 'Loose Parts' resource bank.



If you have any of the following at home, that are clean and safe for children to use please bag them up and send them into your child's class teacher.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • twigs • leaves • conkers • pebbles • feathers • shells • pinecones • wooden blocks • corks • buttons • pegs • wooden curtain rings • shiny gemstones • off cuts of logs • acorns • cardboard tubes • old chess/ draughts pieces • egg boxes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • keys • padlocks • paper clips • bull dog clips • washers • bolts • nuts • biscuit cutters • CDs • metal curtain rings • coins • necklace chains • beads on string • beads • metal utensils • picture hooks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • off cuts of materials • scarves • foil • shiny paper • ribbon • knotted rope 	<p>To help store our loose parts please send in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • jars with lids • tins with lids • boxes with lids • wicker/ natural baskets
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When creating their loose part pictures, the children will need frames to make their pictures in; baking trays, biscuit tin lids, picture frames, place mats all make excellent frames. So please also send these in if you have any that you no longer use at home.



Many thanks from the Reception Team

