



Parents In Partnership

Scottsville Primary School

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There are six weeks of holidays ahead of us! While this thought may fill your child's heart with joy, for many parents it is a time of panic. "What are we going to do with them?" you may be wondering to yourselves. Well here is a fantastic activity to keep children of all ages entertained for hours.

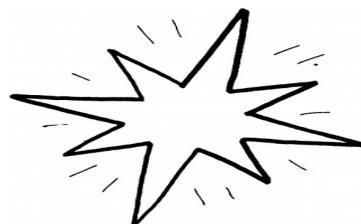
How to make salt dough Christmas tree decorations

These are so simple that even a toddler can muck in and help and yet very striking and beautiful when decorated and hanging on the Christmas tree or a sprayed branch. Perfect for adding the personal, home-made touch this season.



You will need:

1 cup plain flour
1 cup salt
(up to) 1 cup of water



What to do:

1. Simply mix together the dry ingredients then pour in the water, bit by bit until it mixes together to form a dough like consistency. If it's too sticky add some more flour. It should be workable and just dry enough that none should come off on your fingers.
2. Roll out the dough on a floured surface and choose some cookie cutters to cut some shapes from it. Older children can cut their own shapes.
3. Stick a straw near the top of each shape so that a ribbon can later be threaded through the hole.
4. Lay the shapes on a baking sheet and cook at 100 degrees C for 2-3 hours, turning half way through if the shapes are thick.
5. When dry, they can be painted and decorated using ordinary paints or metallic acrylics, which look stunning! Use a little PVA glue when the paint has dried to add glitter, sequins, beads and other embellishments. Thread with raffia or thin ribbon and hang!

We hope that you all have a happy, blessed Christmas.

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