

Day Three

Junior Infants, Senior Infants and 1st Class

Clay Art Lesson

The following resources have been designed as an extension to the Food Dudes Week, junior level, day 3 video. These resources link with the art curriculum for junior infants, senior infants and 1st class groups.

Video Message:

The junior level, day 3 video describes the different colours of fruit and vegetables while encouraging pupils to eat a rainbow.

This activity is linked to the following **curricular areas**:

Arts > Clay > Developing form in clay

Arts > Clay > Looking and responding

Key Learning Outcomes:

The child should be enabled to:

- ✓ Explore and discover the possibilities of clay as a medium for imaginative expression
- ✓ Make a clay form and manipulate it with fingers to suggest a subject
- ✓ Look at, handle and talk about his/her own work, the work of other children and simple pieces of clay pottery



Teacher Guidelines:

What you'll need:

- ✓ Air drying clay
- ✓ Acrylic or tempera paints
- ✓ Paintbrushes
- ✓ Mark-making materials, such as clay tools or repurposed / found objects
- ✓ Fresh fruit and veg for observation purposes, or pictures of fruit and veg displayed on the whiteboard

Method:

- ✓ Ask pupils to think of as many fruit and vegetables as they can, and make a list on the board.
- ✓ Ask pupils to pick one fruit or one vegetable to make in clay. If you have enough clay, pupils can make one fruit and one vegetable each.
- ✓ Ask pupils to observe their fruits and/or vegetables from a physical object if available, or from pictures displayed on the interactive whiteboard.
- ✓ Ask pupils to observe the texture on the skin of their fruit and/or vegetable, and to replicate this using the tools provided or found in the classroom, e.g. the end of a sharpened pencil could be used to replicate the surface skin of an orange.
- ✓ Once pupils have created their fruits and/or vegetables in clay, leave to dry for 24-72 hours.
- ✓ Once the clay is fully dried, it can be painted using acrylic or tempera paints.
- ✓ Pupils can bring their fruit and vegetable creations together in a fruit bowl for display in the classroom once complete.
- ✓ Alternatively, and especially in the case of 1st class, a fruit bowl could be made in clay as a group project in which to display their 3D fruits and vegetables. The fruit bowl can also be left to dry and painted with colourful fruity patterns.