

In the hope that summer will soon be with us, the Arts Team have put together a selection of ideas for making the most of sunny days ... and if the sun doesn't shine there are indoor activities too!



Gather together your craft materials or ingredients and have some creative fun with your friends and family.

Fruity fans



Keep yourself as cool as a cucumber this summer with a fruity folded fan!

Glue one and a half pieces of A4 paper together to make one longer piece. Decorate this by colouring or by gluing on strips of paper as shown - the two long sides will be the outside of your fruit. Fold the strip in half lengthways to mark the centre, open out, then concertina-fold the paper along its length. Tie or place an elastic band around the centre then stick one side to form a semicircle. Glue a lolly stick inside the folds of the remaining open edge, leaving a short handle sticking out. Bring the handles together to open your fan, fold them the other way to close, keeping them in place with a small elastic band.

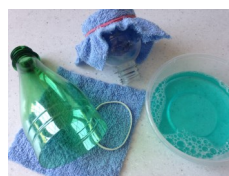
Brilliant bubbles

Place bubble solution in a cup or a glass. With your fingers, spread a very thin layer onto a plate or over the work surface. Take a straw, dip it into the bubble mix and blow a bubble on the surface - keep the straw just above the surface. Dip your straw back in the bubble mix and carefully poke it just inside the first bubble. If it pops you need more bubble mix on your straw. Once you've successfully poked your straw just through the first bubble, gently blow a second bubble inside the first. Can you add even more bubbles inside?



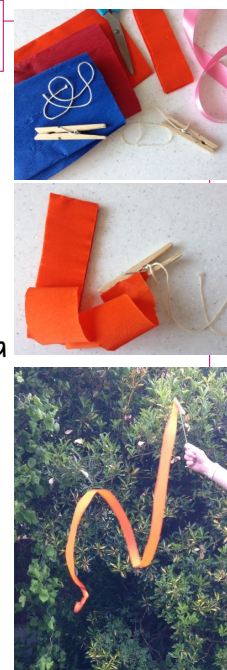
Bubble snakes

Cut the top section from a plastic bottle, cover the cut end with a piece of absorbent fabric or an old sock, using an elastic band to keep it in place. Dip the fabric into the bubble solution and then blow through the top of the bottle to form your snake.



Twirling ribbons

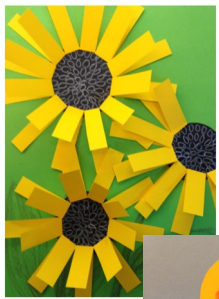
Thread a piece of string through the spring of a clothes peg and tie firmly. Cut a strip from the end of a pack of crepe paper (or use a long ribbon), wrap around the bottom part of the peg so that it is held firmly. Go outside, hold the string and twirl your ribbon!



Home-made bubble solution:

Gently, but thoroughly, stir together
2tbsp washing up liquid
and about 200ml water.

Adding 1 tbsp
sugar or
glycerine makes
the bubbles last
longer.



Sunshine and sunflowers

Cut a circle of paper for the centre - dark for a sunflower or yellow for a sun, glue it onto your background. Add a face or seeds if required.

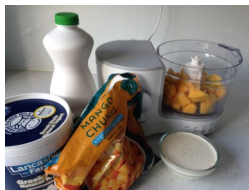


Take a strip of yellow paper, twice as wide as you want the petals/rays to be, and fold it almost-in-half lengthways. Cut off pieces to give you lots of folded strips. Glue the folded ends around the centres you have made. Add stems, leaves, clouds etc. to finish your pictures.



Ice cream

Use frozen fruit to make an almost-instant ice cream treat.

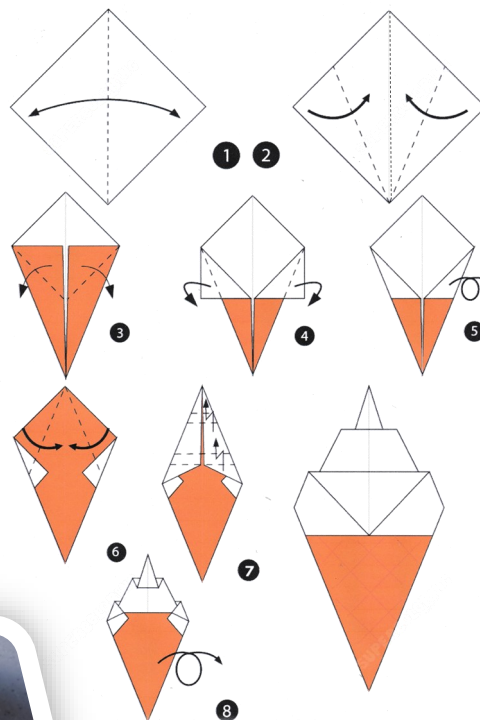


Place frozen fruit into a food processor and add an equal quantity of yogurt, cream, milk, or a mixture of any of them. Blend until smooth, add a little sugar or honey if needed, and serve straight away.

Some of our favourites are frozen strawberries, raspberries, bananas or mango.



Origami ice cream cones



Turn a square of paper into a dream ice cream cone!

Follow the instructions to fold it, then decorate with pens, scraps of paper, beads or any other craft materials.



Watch how to fold it here:
https://youtube/OZaj_2A2OBk

Remember that all the previous Arts Team ideas can be found in the leaders' area of the Girlguiding Birmingham website and videos can be found on our YouTube channel.

The Arts Team hope you've enjoyed all these activities.

Please let us know how you have got on - we would love to see pictures of your creations too!

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Take it further: lots of these activities can also be used towards various challenges, skill builders, unit meeting activities and badges.

We hope you have had fun ... remember to share what you have done!