

## Te Roche Nursery School

### Home Learning Challenge

For this Home Learning challenge, we would like to encourage you and your little one to become a scientist for the day. Happy experimenting!

#### **Wavy Wax Painting-Turning Wax into Paint!**

This is a fun activity that will keep children entertained for hours. For this activity, you will need:

- Wax crayons in different colours
- Plastic food bags and a rolling pin or pestle
- Heavy paper - sugar or cartridge paper
- Greaseproof paper
- Hairdryer
- Glue sticks and paint brushes



Make a collection of broken wax crayons. Ask the children to separate them into colours. Using the wax crayons pieces, ask your child to draw shapes on a sheet of A3 paper - sugar paper or cartridge paper is best. Use a different colour for each shape. Crush the wax crayon pieces - put each colour into a separate plastic bag and bash with a rolling pin or a pestle until you have a bag of coloured wax 'crumbs' (this is a job best done by the adult). Empty the wax crumbs into bowls. The children should then sprinkle the crumbs on their drawings, filling in the shapes with the right colour. Melt the wax: either leave the drawings in a warm, sunny spot or on a warm radiator and wait for the wax to melt and soften, or place a piece of greaseproof paper over each drawing, and gently heat the drawings with a hairdryer until the wax melts. (Adults will need to do this.) When the wax melts slightly, the children can use glue spreaders and brushes to make marks in the wax. As the wax starts to solidify they can warm their paper again and watch what happens. Think and talk about where could we leave our pictures to melt the wax? How does the wax change when it gets warm? What does it do on the paper? What happens if the colours run into each other?

We would love to see any end results on Tapestry!