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This week’s **#creativityathome** activities encourage you to think about sustainability and individual action, we're inviting you to make your own homemade art materials.

CREATIVE EXPLORATION

Wind has a huge impact on our environment, as well as being an excellent source of renewable energy it plays an important role by carrying seeds to different parts of the ground to take root and grow, and by carrying pollen from one plant to another so fruits, vegetables, and flowers can form.

Take a look out your window, is it a windy day?

How would wind effect the plants and trees that you see?

Which animals might be effected by the wind? Where would they go to shelter if it was stormy?

ART ACTIVITY

MATERIALS: Scissors, glue, plastic bags, beads, bottle caps, string, selloptape, cardboard, disposable coffee cup, plastic bottles, hard plastic lid (jam jar lid).

Today, we are going to make a wind chime

Activity 1: Wind chimes

Wind chimes are a type of percussion instrument often hung in porches or gardens. They rely on the wind to create simple melodies. In certain cultures, wind chimes are said to bring good luck.

Using household recyclables we're inviting you to create your own wind chimes. Follow the instructions and watch our tutorial video for a step by step guide.

Take your scissors and cut long strips into the bags *Do not cut all the way to the end.

Take a jam jar lid and stick the uncut end of the plastic bag to it. Use sellotape to attach. The bag can be folded over to ensure it neatly fits around the rim.

Add lots of glue to the lid and stick on your old coffee cup. Place the open side down on the lid.

Pierce two holes in the cup on either side. You can use a pencil or ask for help using a scissors.

Feed the string through the two holes and tie off a loop.

Put lots of glue on old bottle tops and stick them to your coffee cup.

Add any other decorations to the cup that you can find.

Tie different types of bottle tops to the plastic bag strips.

Feel free to add other recyclables and decorate with paint.

Ask for help finding a good (windy) spot to hang your wind chimes. Enjoy!

Activity 2: A Windy Day

We might not be able to see the wind but we can observe how it impacts our local environment. Let's make a drawing that describes everything we know about the wind, from a source of renewable energy (wind turbines or wind mills) to helping plants to grow (distributing seeds) to drying wet ground and absorbing water.

Think about how you can draw the wind, what colours will you use? Grab a piece of paper and some colouring pencils and get creating!

We would love to see what artworks you create. Ask your parents or guardian to share them with us on the Glucksman's and through their [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts and we will post them to our online galleries on our website.

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