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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**

The sun warms the planet and makes life on Earth possible, today we celebrate the importance of the light and energy that the sun gives us.

How does sunlight move around your house? Are there places that are brighter at different times of the day?

How does sunshine change the way we see objects around us?

Do you notice how the sun creates shadows. What kinds of shapes are they?

## **ART ACTIVITY**

**MATERIALS:** Soap, food colouring, hot water, bowls, tablespoon.

Today, we are going to make homemade crayons from items you have around the house!

## **Activity 1: Make your own crayons**

Making your own art materials is a fun and creative way to encourage sustainability in your home. You'll need to get some help finding the basic household items listed above.

Check out our tutorial video for a step by step guide.

Grate a bar of soap into a large bowl to create soap flakes.

Measure one cup of soap flakes into a second bowl and add the food colouring of your choice and a tablespoon of hot water.

Mix until the soap flakes have melted enough to form a thick paste.

Mould the paste into whatever shapes you like.

Repeat the process with different colours if you choose.

You'll need to leave the crayons dry for at least two days, keep in the fridge or a cool cupboard.

When they are ready, why not put your new crayons to use by creating a drawing that captures how sunlight helps plants and flowers to grow.

## **Activity 2: Drawing sunshine**

Divide a page into three parts. First, create a picture for sunrise and all the things that happen early in the morning. In the middle section, show us something that happens at midday when the sun is high in the sky. For the final part, draw a sunset and some evening activities. When your crayons are ready you can colour in your drawings too!

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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