



## Fine Motor Skills TERM 6 WEEK 2 THE GARDEN

### Play Dough Flower Arranging



**Materials:** play dough, pipe cleaners and buttons

**Set Up:** Put a ball of play dough in the middle with colourful buttons and pipe cleaners.

**Activity:** The child laces the buttons on the end of the pipe cleaner to create the flowers. Put the "stem" of the flower into the play dough to arrange the flower.

### Flower Garden



**Materials:** straws, cardboard, pipe cleaners and buttons

**Set Up:** Accordion fold some cardboard. Ask the child to paint it green. Let it dry. Glue on plastic straws on each fold to create the garden.

**Activity:** Once all dry, the child can lace buttons onto the pipe cleaners and place in the flower garden. This requires eye hand coordination and grading the movement to slid the flower "stem" (pipe cleaner) into the straw

### Flower Vase Game



**Materials:** straws, container for a vase, dice, pipe cleaners and buttons

**Set Up:** Put a bunch of straws inside the container to create the vase. Lace the buttons or flower cut outs onto the pipe cleaners. Divide up the pipe cleaner flowers that each players has at least 12.

**How to Play the Game:** The object of the game is to be the first player to put all of the "flowers" into the vase. Player #1 rolls the die. If you roll a 1-5 put in that number of flowers (one into each straw). If you roll a 6 you have to remove 3 flowers and take them back to your flower pile. Player #2 takes a turn repeating above. Whoever places all of their flowers into the vase first is the winner!

### Petal Sun catcher craft



**Materials:** Petals, Scissors, sticky back plastic, card or paper

**Set Up:** Cut two large pieces of sticky back plastic, peel the backing off one and put the other piece aside. Tape the plastic to the table (sticky side up) to keep it in place. Provide a bowl of the petals – this can be a great use of fresh flowers that are starting to shed their petals!

**Activity:** Once they have used up all the petals, peel the backing off the other piece of Contact paper and carefully place it over the top of the petals, sticky sides together. Try and avoid air bubbles! You can now either cut individual petals out and create a flower or cut out a flower shape and stick this to your window using a little but of water!