

THE
AYLSHAM
COMMUNITY
TRUST
(FAMILIES)

It takes a Whole Community to Educate a Child



Christmas Decoration Project

We would like to invite all parents/carers, grandparents, aunts, uncles, younger brothers and sisters to join us in our family learning community Christmas decoration project.

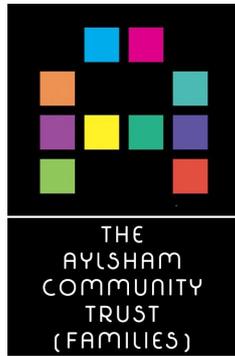
Throughout December we will be lighting up our community with a Christmas tree outside the school but we need your help to decorate it!

Each participating family will also have a chance to win a Christmas Hamper in our free prize draw.

We hope to have as many handmade weatherproof decorations as possible.

The children will also be creating decorations in school which will be displayed along the school fencing for the wider community to enjoy.





Christmas Decoration Project

How to take part:

- Chose one or more Christmas decorations to create with your family at home from the activity sheets overleaf.
- Collect the items needed for your chosen decoration. You may need to go for a family walk in the woods or park and have a rummage in your cupboards and recycling bin.
- Follow the instructions on the activity sheet to create your weatherproof decoration. Feel free to add personalisation to your decoration.
- Completed decorations to be sent in a securely tied bag into school with your child by Tuesday 1st December.
- Maybe make extra decorations to decorate the outside of your own homes with?

If you would like an opportunity to win a fabulous Christmas Hamper please return the raffle ticket with your name and phone number on the back and place it in the box provided at school.

Twiggy Snowflake

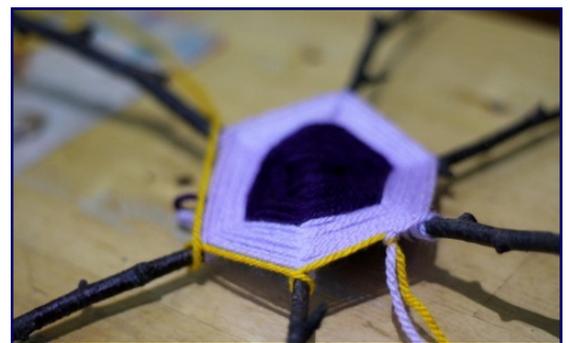
You will need:

- 3 straight dry twigs
- Wool



Instructions

1. Take three twigs and form a star shape. Use a little of your wool to bind them together. This is the trickiest bit as the twigs might move around a little.
2. Weave the wool around the twigs, simply loop it around each twig in turn. Go over the twig, wrap it round, back up and over the top and along the next twig. You can switch to another colour whenever you want to create bands on your weaving, just cut the wool you're using and knot on another colour. Carry on with the weaving you can hide the knot on the reverse side of your twig snowflake.
3. Tie on an extra piece of wool or a little tinsel to one of the twigs so it can be hung on the Christmas tree.



Shiny Christmas Bell

You will need:

- Clean yogurt pots
- Kitchen foil
- Christmas ribbon or wool
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Sticky Tak



Instructions

1. Cut a piece of foil, about 20cm x 20cm.
2. Place the pot in the centre of the foil and fold the foil around the pot pressing it flat.
3. Make a hole in the top of the pot using a pencil pressed into a ball of sticky tak .
4. Cut the ribbon and thread it through the pot, tie a knot at the bottom of the ribbon, this is your bell. Tie another knot inside the pot at the top to stop the bell slipping.



Frosty Pine Cone

You will need:

- A dry pinecone
- String or wool
- Brush
- Glue
- Glitter
- Ribbon
- Paint (optional)



Instructions

1. If you would like to paint your pine cone do this step first and leave it to dry.
2. Brush PVA glue onto your dry pine cone.
3. Put some glitter onto a plate and roll the pine cone in the glitter and leave it to dry.
4. To attach the string or wool simply wrap the string/wool around the pine cone a few times, weaving it in and out, making sure the string/wool is snugly wrapped between the woody scales of the pine cone.
5. Add a ribbon and tie it into a bow around the string/wool.



Pom-Pom Bauble

You will need:

- Wool
- Cardboard
- Scissors
- Pencil



Instructions

1. Draw a circle onto your cardboard; you may like to use a cup or baked bean can as a guide.
2. Draw a second smaller circle in the centre; you may like to use a coin.
3. Using scissors cut out the smaller circle by folding it slightly and cutting a 'v' and then snipping around the outline. Then cut around the larger circle. Cut a small gap in the circle.
4. Repeat so that you have two identical cardboard circles with holes in.
5. Hold the two circles together and wrap the wool evenly around the sides of the circle. Wrap until the circle in the middle is filled in.
6. Use the scissors to cut between the two circles all the way round.
7. Cut a long length of wool and tie a tight knot around the middle of the pom-pom between the two cardboard circles.
8. Trim the pom-pom around the edges to make it round and even. Keep the long thread as this will be used to hang the pom-pom on the Christmas tree.
9. Additionally you may like to thread a bead onto the wool.



Spread a little Community Christmas Cheer!

If you have enjoyed making your decoration together why not make a few extra decorations to hang on your garden gate or fence for everyone to enjoy?

