

# Have you heard of gloop oobleck?

It's simply a box of cornflour and water. Find a tray or washing up bowl and empty the box of cornflour, slowly add some water and stir.

This crazy stuff will form a solid when set. But explore and investigate, let children dig their fingers or spoons into it and watch as it's now a gloopy liquid!

It's strange and fascinating stuff. Add cups and jugs, spoons and scoops. It's so easy to clean up too. When dry it sweeps up. Or use a cloth to wipe up.

(Place in the bin and not your sink)



## Playdough

Playdough is always a firm favourite and can be made at home. Did you know you can make playdough in the microwave!!! Have a go.

Don't have any plastic cutters? That's ok, at The Curiosity Approach they recommend using natural, recycled resources or household utensils, garlic press, potato masher, sticks, gravel, bottle tops, corks, even leaves and foliage from the garden. Do you have some flowers in a vase that are looking about ready to throw away? Snip off the heads, leaves and petals then add these to the playdough table. Let the children select and choose the items independently. Whilst playing, they'll be developing creative skills, counting, developing fine motor skills, dexterity and manipulation. All are prerequisite for writing. Older children get them to roll out letters and number or ideally just let them PLAY.

## Recipe

- ★ 2 cups of plain flour
- ★ 1 tbs oil
- ★ 2 cups of water
- ★ 1 cup of salt
- ★ 1 tsp of cream of tartar
- ★ Food colouring

Mix all ingredients well in a microwaveable bowl. Cook for 4-5 minutes stirring halfway through. Let cool and knead.

