

# **CO CURRICULAR ACTIVITY - 2**

**JULY 2023-24**

**LOWER KINDER GARTEN**

**LIFE SKILLS**

**CLAY MOULDING**



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**Activity Title: CLAY MOULDING ACTIVITY**

**Classes: LKG A & B**

**Teacher Responsible: Zainab, Yasmin & Shamshiya**

**Benefits of the activity:**

Clay modelling for kids is a fantastic way to encourage creativity, develop essential skills, and provide a fun, engaging activity for children of all ages. By introducing clay art to your child, you'll be offering them a world of endless possibilities and a valuable outlet for self-expression. So, gather your materials, set up a workspace, and let your child's imagination soar as they delve into the captivating world of clay modelling.

### **KNOWLEDGE**

#### **Learning Outcome**

- Encourages creativity
- Improves connections in the brain in the default mode network
- Helps to develop visualisation and interpretative skills
- Allows children an avenue for self-expression
- Teaches children that there is more than one right answer (multiple points of view)
- Helps to build confidence because there is no “right answer” in art so children can feel pride in their artistic creations
- Helps develop hand-eye coordination and fine motor skills (playing with play doh is also recommended as a pre-cursor for handwriting)
- Trains concentration skills and helps us focus

### **SKILLS & ATTITUDE**

#### **1. Encourages sensory development**

Clay play is a multi-sensory hobby: touch, sight, smell-and even sound. Is it slimy or dry? What does it sound like when you squeeze it? Children can strengthen sensory skills as they learn to manipulate the material into different objects and shapes.

## **2. Develops coordination and motor skills**

It also helps improve eye/hand coordination and build both gross and fine motor skills, including the small muscles in hands and fingers. This helps with dexterity and is beneficial for children colouring, cutting and writing.

## **3. Therapeutic**

Clay play can be a very invigorating, yet soothing activity. Working the clay is a positive way to express emotions, a good stress-reliever and, since it's generally an unhurried activity, also a calming pastime for kids.

## **4. Extends attention span**

It's so different from other mediums, like drawing, that children are naturally drawn to experiment with this fun material. And because clay is so adaptable, mistakes can usually be repaired so kids don't feel frustrated. In fact, clay can be so engaging they may play for long periods of time without any adult involvement!

## **5. Builds imagination**

Many toys are developed for imaginary play, but not many let children dream up and create something entirely new. Clay stimulates curiosity, motivates them to problem-solve as they work on their project, and ultimately leads them to craft unique three-dimensional art. That's pretty cool.

## **6. Boosts self-esteem**

The best part? Children can make something out of nothing. The bowl may not be perfectly round, or the truck may not look much like a truck, but they made it. Kids not only feel proud of what they brought to life, but also a sense of accomplishment.

## **CONCLUSION**

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## Subject Integrated:

- English: Communication Skill and Vocabulary Development
- Math : Shapes & patterns, size

## EVIDENCE





