



# EASTER CROSS-CURRICULAR IDEAS

## Creative development

### Early Learning Goal

Respond in a variety of ways to what they see, hear, smell, touch and feel.

### Talk About

Talk about new life with reference to plant life cycles such as seed to vegetable, bulb to flower, and acorn to tree.



## NEW LIFE

### What you need

'Seed packet' photocopiable sheet on page 47; seeds that are easy to grow, such as sunflower or nasturtium; plant pots; soil; water; sunny window sill; safety scissors; glue; pencils.

### What to do

- Talk to the children about how Easter represents 'new life'.
- Let each child choose a few seeds. Help them to plant some of the seeds in a plant pot and allow them to save the rest to take home.
- Give each child a copy of the photocopiable sheet and encourage them to cut, fold and glue it where indicated.
  - Invite the children to place their spare seeds in their new packet and to draw a picture of a flower on the front to show the seeds they have chosen.
  - Help the children to complete the information on the back of the packet by writing or copying their name and the type of seeds in the packet.
  - Invite the children to take their seeds home for planting. (Check first with parents and carers that they are willing and able to help their child to plant and care for the seeds at home.)

## SMOOTH EGGS, BUMPY EGGS!

### Early Learning Goal

Explore colour, texture, shape, form and space in two or three dimensions.

### Talk About

Discuss Easter traditions that are popular in other countries. (See 'Background information and planning' on page 28.)

### Further Ideas

- Make a shiny egg collage using a selection of foil sweet wrappers.
- Show the children how to use a wide variety of traditional painting techniques to decorate paper egg shapes, for example, splatter painting, marbling, potato printing and finger painting. Use the decorated eggs to make a colourful Easter display.

### What you need

Egg-shaped sheets of card, A4 size; poster paint in three different colours; PVA glue; three textured materials such as sand, wood shavings and tissue paper; three large, clean plastic tubs such as empty margarine tubs; old paintbrushes.

### What to do

- In three separate tubs, help the children to mix two parts of poster paint with one part of PVA glue. Use one colour of paint in each tub.
- Let the children add sand to one tub, wood shavings to the second tub and tissue paper to the third tub to create three colourful textured mixtures.
  - Give each child an egg-shaped sheet of card and invite them to use the mixtures to decorate the card eggs with textured patterns.
  - When dry, decorate the top of the card with a silky bow and add a loop for hanging.
  - Display the eggs for the children to observe, feel, describe and compare.