

Pre/Primary School

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Dear Parents

We are working to create a Mud Play Kitchen Area in the outdoor area, within the current Sandpit Area. Children will be able to mix different textures together to have more engaging sensory experiences as they create and have fun!



Some of the values that mud kitchens provide for your children include:

- **Creative expression and invention** (mud can become anything!)
- **Problem solving opportunities** (e.g. how to make soup thin or thick, how to make mud meatballs stick together)
- **Cooperative play possibilities** (e.g. let's cook dinner, let's have a restaurant, let's feed the baby!)
- **Stress reduction** (being outdoors in nature helps children relax)
- **Building stronger immune systems** (research indicates that some exposure to dirt helps build resistance to bad bacteria)
- **Growing affection for our earth—soil, stones, sand, and growing plants** (learning to care for our planet)

We are looking for old metal and wooden spoons, pots, pans, ladles, bowls, Turkish coffee sets, teapot, strainers, measuring cups, cupcake/ muffin tins/ colanders; really any kitchen materials to extend our development of this area.

Now it is Spring time, many of you may be doing a Spring Clean sort out- if you come across any of these items, please don't throw them out, send them into us as the children in EYFS will love to use these recycled materials to make their concoctions in their Mud Kitchen.



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During their play, children may get wet and muddy. Please make sure there are always spare clothes in your child's bag so they can get changed easily after playing or you can send into school named waterproof trousers/ overalls that your children can easily pull over their school uniform. These are often available at stores such as Decathlon and other sportswear stores. As it is still rainy and sunny, please can your child also have a pair of named wellington boots at school.

Thank you for your support.

The EYFS Team

