

# REACHING OUT

## We want to reach out!

As schools return, we look to support each school's efforts to get involved with the rich tapestry of culture and creativity within the borough. Tameside Cultural Services have been looking at how we can best use our years of experience and resources to support schools. We will link in with the Philosophy for Children, as well as the National Curriculum, the schools' recovery curriculum and the Five Ways to Wellbeing: Connect, Be Active, Take Notice, Keep Learning and Give.

Each month, we will share information relating to our education offer as well as giving further ideas and ways to engage with our offer in your classroom. There will be activities from each of the Cultural Services teams and we will take the opportunity to highlight one of our site based workshops as when we are able to, we cannot wait to welcome you back to our sites and great outdoors.



## WILD ART

Is it a bird - or is it a plane?... Lets get creative. Everyone is an artist when nature provides all the materials. Textures and patterns are all around, so let's make twig sculptures, muddy mosaics, magical mobiles or woodland spirits.

For older children we can link to contemporary environmental artists such as Andy Goldsworthy, looking at how they approach art and use natural patterns and textures as inspiration.



# STICK STARS

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## Stick maths challenges

**The challenge:** To take 9 sticks of equal length and work in groups of three to put them together to make as many triangles as possible. Give no other instructions so the children have to think about what or how they are going to use their sticks to make the triangles.

**Up the stakes and add another stick-or take some away!**

## Christmas stars

Each pupil has to find five straight-ish sticks of the same length (or six, if you decide to make the Star of David).

Next is working out how to weave these together. What is the best way of weaving one stick under or over another to keep the star together?

The final task is to work out how to fasten the sticks together so that the star doesn't fall apart. The ends can be tied together with thin string. With younger children using elastic bands or pipe cleaners might be easier.

The stars can be decorated with ribbon/ sparkle/ holly etc and then hung on your Christmas tree.

What other shapes can children make?



## Stick star challenge

A good extension of this activity is to challenge older children to draw a five-pointed star without lifting their pencil off the paper. This can also be done outside with a stick drawing in mud, sand or snow.

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