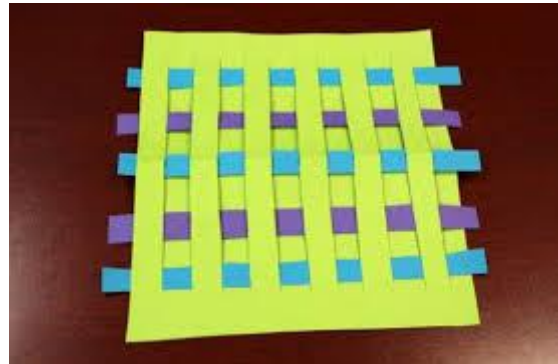


Weaving

Frederick Froebel was arguably one of the most significant pioneers of early childhood education. He believed that the earliest years of a child's life are the most important in a child's education and lay the foundation for all later learning. He considered weaving an occupation which would help children learn practical skills in relation to their emerging capacities. Therefore weaving could help with problem solving, fine motor skills, manipulation, creativity and also concentration, perseverance and imagination.

What we do in Nursery

- Weaving on our large loom using a variety of ribbons, strips of material, paper and cardboard.
- Paper Weaving
- Weaving on branches outside
- Weaving on the fence in the nursery garden
- Making pom-poms with wool
- Using a knitting loom to make a variety of items.



Froebel saw children as active, curious, creative learners. He considered that children learn best through self-activity, rich first-hand experience, problem-solving, play and talk.

Top Tip

Talk to children about what their clothes are made of pointing out the different materials i.e. fine cotton or thick wool and how they are woven.

Home ideas

Try making pompoms with your child. The new style pompom makers make a quick activity and children have an end product.

Fold a piece of paper in half and cut it lengthways every 2cm from the folded edge. Leave a gap at the top. Use strips of paper to weave in the gaps.