

## Recycled Christmas Card Fun

Make use of all those leftover Christmas cards and encourage home learning too.

### Learning aims

- Be creative and imaginative
- Use talk and descriptive language
- Use a variety of tools
- Enjoy stories, songs and making marks
- Show interest in colours, numbers and shapes
- Awareness of world festivals and celebrations.



### Resources

- Discarded Christmas cards
- Tear or cut off the fronts of the Christmas cards to remove any personal messages
- Involve everyone in the setting by asking all to collect these and bring them in.

### Activity Outline

The cards can be used in a wide variety of ways, here are just a few to get you going:

- Find the picture:
  - Put the cards down on the floor and call out an object/colour e.g. tree
  - The children have to find the card with the object on and stand on the card – best played in a small group outside!
- Find the pieces:
  - Cut each card into puzzles (2-5 pieces appropriate for the stage of development) put some of the puzzle pieces onto the floor
  - Give each child one piece of the puzzle
  - The children then look for the other pieces to make the picture
- Save the cards for next Christmas to use in the writing area or to use in a Christmas card making workshop
  - Add other materials for the children to use
  - Provide children with a variety of shapes and sizes, and different types of scissors
  - Allow them to freely cut (with adult supervision) to practice their hand-eye coordination
- Tell a story
  - Use the cards as story or song prompts
  - Encourage the children to make up stories and songs using the pictures on the cards.
- Share your activities with parents for them to take part with at home with their children.

## Special considerations

*Save any sparkly, shiny or textured cards to add to treasure baskets for your babies.  
Babies should always be supervised when using natural/found objects.*