



EID DISPLAY IDEAS

Knowledge and understanding of the world

Early Learning Goal

Begin to know about their own cultures and beliefs and those of other people.

Group Size

Small groups.



EID MUBARAK

What you need

'Many languages!' photocopiable sheet on page 45, plus other examples of 'Happy Eid' written in languages spoken by the families of children in the group; display board; backing paper; child scissors; glue; painting paper; paints and crayons, including skin, hair and eye colours appropriate for the children in the group; paintbrushes; unbreakable mirror; painting aprons; white paper; brightly coloured paper.

Preparation

Remember to obtain parental consent for this activity from Muslim parents. Prepare the painting area and set out the paper for the self-portraits. Create a display board. Cut out lettering for the title 'Happy Eid' and 'Eid Mubarak' using brightly coloured paper. Make copies of 'Happy Eid' in different languages including those from the photocopiable sheet. Draw speech bubbles on to white paper.

What to do

- Show the children the display board and explain that it is for their self-portraits.
- Use the mirror and describe your own features to the children. Talk about hair, eyes and skin. Explain that the children will need to mix paint or use a crayon to find their nearest skin colour. Tell them that the paper should not be left untouched, as it is very rare to have white skin.

- Help the children to put on their painting aprons and ask them to paint their portraits.
- In some cases, skin colour will be easier to match with crayon. If so, arrange for the children to complete this part of the portrait when the painted sections are dry.
- Write the children's names on the paintings and leave them to dry.
- When dry, cut out the paintings and arrange them on the display board.
- Explain that you would like to record what the children are saying by using speech bubbles. Show the children the different versions of 'Happy Eid' on the photocopiable sheet. Ask them if they have any preferences for languages. Do they know anyone who speaks one of the languages shown?
- Assist the children to cut out their chosen version of 'Happy Eid' and glue it into a paper speech bubble. Position them next to the self-portraits. Complete the display by adding the title 'Happy Eid' and 'Eid Mubarak'.

Support and Extension

Some children might require support to provide paintings of an appropriate size. Extend this activity by encouraging the children to write 'Happy Eid' in the speech bubbles.

Further Ideas

- Make a display to record the group's Eid activities. Include comments from children and adults, photographs (if parental consent has been given) and any items made by the children.
- Display symmetrical patterns made by the children, together with examples of mehndi patterns.