

## Focus plan for Creative Development

Activity - Thank you pots Date -

### Learning intention

Express and communicate their ideas, thoughts and feelings using a widening range of materials and suitable tools...

### Resources

Pictures of people who help us everyday, e.g. parents/childminders/grandparents/teachers

Air drying clay

Clay tools

Ready mix paints and brushes

PVA glue

### How the activity will be carried out

Invite the children to look at the pictures of the people who help them all the time. Ask the children how they feel about all the help these different people give them. Would they like to say thank you? Explain that sometimes it is nice to say thank you by making a little gift for someone who helps you. Give the children some time to explore the clay. Explain that they are going to use the clay to make little pots as a gift for someone who has helped them. Show the children how to push their thumbs into a ball of clay to make a thumb pot. Let them use the tools to make marks and patterns on their pot. They will need to leave them to dry in a warm place. When they are hard invite the children to paint them, and seal with a varnish of watered down PVA glue. Which person would they like to say thank you to?

### Questions to ask/Language to use

Who are these people?

What do they do for us?

How do they make us feel?

How can we say thank you?

Soft, press, push, smooth, marks, lines

### Differentiation (Birth to Three)

Give children independent time to explore the clay and similar materials such as play dough or plasticine, with the tools.

### Extension

Children could make thank you cards in the graphics area to go with their pots.

### Evaluation