

Core Skills Analysis

Art and Creativity

- Explored color recognition and combination through using many bright colours in the plastecine.
- Developed fine motor skills by shaping and manipulating plastecine with hands.
- Expressed spontaneous creativity and personal enjoyment by making plastecine on a whim.
- Experienced sensory stimulation by feeling the texture and consistency of the plastecine.

Emotional and Social Development

- Experienced joy and positive emotions, indicated by 'loved life,' demonstrating a healthy emotional outlet.
- Practiced decision making by choosing to create plastecine spontaneously, fostering independence.
- Built confidence in self-initiated activities without external prompts or instructions.
- Engaged in mindful, present-moment activity, which can enhance emotional regulation.

Tips

Tips: To deepen the learning from Rosie's plastecine experience, encourage her to experiment with blending colors to discover new shades and talk about the emotions these colors represent. Introduce small challenges such as creating specific shapes, animals, or patterns to develop spatial reasoning and planning. To extend emotional understanding, invite her to describe how different colors or textures make her feel, linking art to emotional literacy. Finally, consider collaborative projects where Rosie can share her plastecine creations with siblings or friends, fostering communication and social bonds.

Book Recommendations

- [The Dot](#) by Peter H. Reynolds: A story encouraging creativity and bravery to express oneself through art.
- [Beautiful Oops!](#) by Barrett, Barney: Highlights embracing mistakes creatively, perfect for playful art activities.
- [Mix It Up!](#) by Herbert, Hervé Tullet: An interactive book about colors and how they combine, enhancing color exploration.

Learning Standards

- ACARA: Arts - AC9AR0P01 Develops sensory awareness and express ideas through arts (Visual Arts).
- ACARA: Personal and Social Capability - AC9SCP001 Demonstrates self-awareness and self-management skills.
- ACARA: Science Inquiry Skills - AC9S1U01 Uses observation and senses to explore materials.

Try This Next

- Create a color mixing worksheet where Rosie predicts what colors result by blending different plastecine colors.
- Encourage her to sculpt objects from a themed prompt (e.g., animals or foods) and write a short story about one of her creations.