

## **Support Notes for Robert Burns Poem A Red, Red Rose**

This is an art activity inspired by the Robert Burns Poem A Red, Red Rose. The children will make a printed and painted rose using paper, polystyrene, scissors, paint, glue and glitter. The task that includes opportunities for developing fine motor skills through painting, cutting and gluing as well as sensory activities of mixing glue and paint and drizzling it onto the paper.

### **Materials**

- Ready mix paint, red and black
- Paint pallet
- Pva glue mixed with a small amount of black paint and a glue spreader
- Glue stick
- Paint brush
- Green A4 paper folded in half
- White A3 paper
- Glitter
- Scissors

### **Preparation**

Pre-cut a piece of polystyrene into a circle (alternatively you can use a paper plate painted red!)

Fold a green A4 sheet in half and draw a leaf shape ready to cut out.

Mix a small amount of PVA glue with a small amount of black ready mix paint (equal measures)

### **Extension**

- Children can draw their own leaf templates and can also mix the paint and pva glue.

### **Step 1 –Cutting**

Cut out two leaf shapes from a folded green sheet of paper using scissors

### **Step 2 – Painting**

Use the other end of the brush to scratch some texture marks into the polystyrene and then paint it red using ready mix paint and a brush.

Turn the polystyrene over and make a print in the centre of an A3 piece of paper

### **Step 3 – Gluing**

Glue the leaves to either side of the red rose print using a glue stick

Mix pva and black paint and drizzle the mixture in circles and spirals onto the rose

### **Step 4 – Sprinkling**

Use glitter or sequins to lightly sprinkle onto the glue and paint mixture