

Cloud artwork

You will need:

- Large piece of blue poster paper or cardboard
- Cotton wool
- Craft glue

Steps:

1. Discuss the different shapes and types of clouds we can see in the sky.
2. Discuss - What different colours and shapes of clouds have you observed? Why do clouds change depending on the weather? Why do clouds look different at sunrise and sunset? What colours do you notice?

3. Take the children for an observation walk outdoors and see if there are any clouds in the sky to observe. Find a quiet place and lay down on the ground to watch the sky for a few minutes. Prompt children to share their observations. You could talk about the shapes you see in the clouds.
4. Discuss how water evaporates into the sky, condenses into clouds and falls as rain.
5. Work together in a group to make a cloud poster using cotton wool. Stretch the cotton wool into cloud shapes and glue it onto the blue 'sky' poster paper. You could also use other collage materials or draw clouds on white or grey paper and cut them out.

Extension: Discuss different types of weather and create posters. Use different coloured backgrounds or fun collage materials to show things like stormy skies, sunny days, rain, hail, snow, rainbows, sunsets or sunrises.

Original: Discuss different types of weather and make posters with different coloured backgrounds or add other collage materials to represent different types of weather or different times of day, e.g., stormy, sunny, rain, hail, snow, rainbow, sunset, sunrise.

