

FIND SOME TIME TO BE CREATIVE...

Set up an 'INVENTION BOX'

with bits and pieces from around the house...

plastic lids
metal lids
wrapping paper
plain paper
thick brown cardboard
Easter egg foil
bubble wrap
egg cartons
cardboard boxes
shoe boxes
small plastic containers
sticks from the garden
corks
stickers
bread tags
material scraps
shells and pebbles
other bits and bobs

ADD

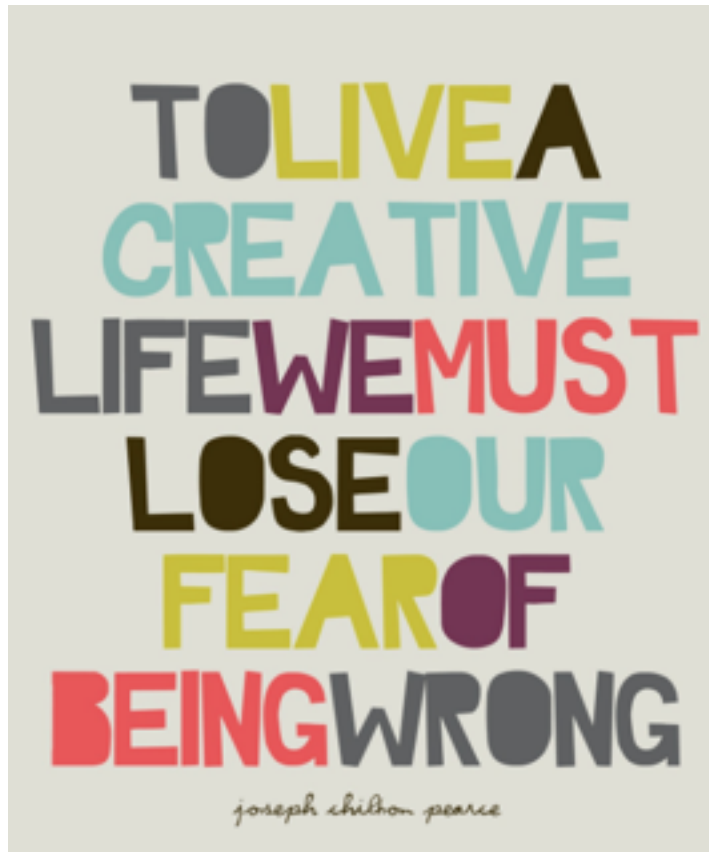
bits for sticking, glueing, drawing, cutting, hole punching

NOW

Decorate the INVENTION BOX so it is ready to use when you get the urge to invent

INVENTING IDEAS

Something that floats
Something that moves
Something tall
Something for a toy (a bed, a house, a car)
Something that bends
Something for a friend
Something for the garden
Something teeny tiny



Drawing and **making marks** promotes small muscle development, fine motor control and co-ordination and it can be done anywhere!

with a crayon on a delivery box

chalk on the footpath

a stick in the dirt

a shell in the sand

charcoal from the fire

texta on the back of an envelope

Make lots of different shapes, circles, lines, spots, dots and dashes

Use an old table outside and **set up** an area for painting that can be revisited

Paint cars, flowers, friends or just mix the colours

Do you have a dress up box at home?

Scarves and sheets are open-ended and can be used for lots of different costumes or characters. Add some shoes & hats!

Have a go at a still life drawing (use the special black pen from your Learning at Home Bag).

Draw a truck that you can see **outside**...look for the details.

Draw a tree in the street or garden

Draw an autumn leaf and notice its veins

Draw your pet or a favourite toy

Keep your favourite drawing in your Learning Folder



Have some **TINKERING** time

Find an old piece of 'junk' (eg-an old telephone, a keyboard, a broken radio etc) Cut off the cord (when it is not plugged in)... add some small 'real tools', a screwdriver, a pair of pliers and a spanner (keep them in a safe place when not in use) Deconstruct the 'junk' into tiny pieces and see all the parts that make it....can you put it back together again? Even better...turn it into something else! Take a picture of all your fun for your Learning Folder