

### Swan Art



My inspiration for the following ideas have come from the swans and their cygnets that I like to check in on my daily walks. Google 'Swan activities for Children' to get a visual idea of the activities.

1. Classic handprint – white/black poster paint, coloured sugar paper, newspaper and black and orange felt tips required. Spread out the hand and place gently in paint. Place hand gently on folded newspaper first to remove excess paint and then place hand onto sugar paper. Paint and extend thumb print to form the neck of the swan. When dry add details with felt tips.
2. Curling paper - Draw an outline of a swan on white paper/card. Cut strips of paper and wind them round a pencil. Or for older children teach them the art of curling with a scissor blade. Glue curls of paper onto the swan's body to create a textured feel. Add finishing features in paint or felt tip.
3. Hand cut outs - Draw an outline of a swan on white paper/card. Draw round multiple hands onto ideally thin paper like tissue paper or newspaper and cut out. Glue in layers across the swan's body.
4. Origami swan - A challenge for older children – see link <https://www.thesprucecrafts.com/easy-origami-swan-tutorial-2540975>

#### **Cross curricular links for younger children**

1. Six Little Ducks number rhyme but change to Swans – see link [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cfb-qp1h\\_E0&vl=en](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cfb-qp1h_E0&vl=en)
2. Make a pairing game where you match the young animal to the adult. This way you can introduce new vocabulary to your child as well as develop their memory skills.
3. Explore the ballet 'Swan Lake' – try and copy the moves! See link. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xd2nTXsivHs>
4. Share the story by Hans Christian Anderson – The Ugly Duckling – See link if you don't know it. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J9x-UdnjNd8> and even the song [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=neX\\_E8Ozf88](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=neX_E8Ozf88). This story can lead to conversations about self-image.

I'd love to see your creations - *Sarah*