

St. Mary's Wollaton Park online for kids

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Wax painting

Kate made a picture of the stars using wax and watered-down paint. Here's how you can make one of your own.

You will need:

- White paper
- A candle
- Blue paint (or another spacey colour)
- A paintbrush, a bowl for mixing paint and a cup of water
- Newspaper (or something to cover the table)
- A place where you can leave your painting to dry

Start by making the white parts of your picture. Rub the edge of the candle on the paper to make a spot of white wax. This is waterproof and will show through the paint later. If you make lots and lots of wax spots, it will look like stars in the sky. Kate added planet Earth as well – a circle with some wiggles in.

When the white parts of the picture are ready, mix up a little paint with water until you have coloured water. It's important that the paint isn't too thick so it will not cover up the wax.

Now paint your coloured water all over the wax picture, up to the edges. You can leave a dry strip at the bottom for writing later. Leave it to dry.

When your picture is dry, you might like to add today's Bible verse: "Even before the world was made, God had already chosen us to be his." (Ephesians 1:4)

Once you have got used to wax painting, you could try using different colours of paint and different shapes in your wax drawing. We'd love to see your art work!

