

# Make handwashing **FUN** in your classroom!



Washing hands can be fun and more importantly can be integrated into school day activities.

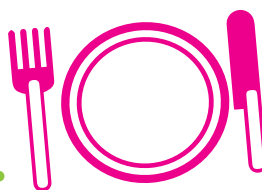
Here are some  
**IDEAS** of what  
you can try:

## Hand Painting



**Why not encourage children to finger paint as a fun way to learn?**

Washing off the paint is an innovative way to highlight the most frequently missed parts of the hands where bacteria can live if hands are not washed properly.



## Cooking

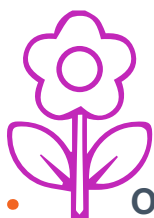
Take the opportunity when you are cooking to reinforce the importance of clean hands and fingers before preparing food or eating it.



## Examining Hands

**Use a magnifying glass to take a closer look at hands and nails.**

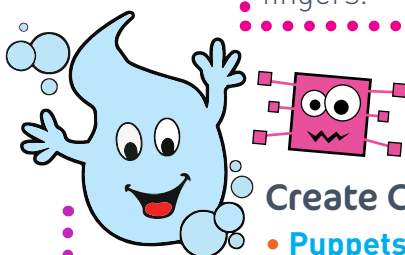
Show children places where germs can live and get them to inspect the lines on their hands and fingers.



## Outdoor Activities

• **Nature trails** • **Gardening**

There is no better way to show children the need to wash their hands through mud and dirt!



## Create Characters

• **Puppets** • **Pictures** • **Stories**

Create 'goody' & 'baddy' characters such as Mr Soapy Soap and Mr Germy Germ to demonstrate the benefits of good hand hygiene through imagination and play.



**HAVE FUN WITH SOAP!** Show that washing hands is fun through the use of colourful child friendly soap dispensers and a foaming soap - children of all ages love to play with bubbles! If we teach our children that good hand hygiene is fun then it will develop from being a game into normal behaviour.