

An abstract graphic design on a light pink background. It features several overlapping geometric shapes: a large green rectangle with a black grid pattern, a yellow circle with a black web-like pattern, a red triangle, a blue horizontal bar, and a red U-shaped curve. The text 'PIECES OF US' is written in a white, hand-drawn, sans-serif font across the center, with 'PIECES' and 'OF' on the top line and 'US' on the bottom line.

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Pieces of Us

It's time to shake off the day and get ready for joyful vibrations! Tonight we'll be playing with mark-making, drawing, and collaging. We'll be making self-portraits from memory, swapping with our neighbours, and seeing what we create together! You can even make a 3D mobile inspired by Alexander Calder!

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Feel the Feelings

- Take a minute to sit with your feelings. How are you feeling right now? Calm, excited, stressed?
- How do you want to feel when we leave? Taking a blank piece of paper, imagine this feeling as a colour, shape or a pattern. What does it look like?



Release, Let Go



- It's time to release, let go and have fun! On a new piece of paper, put your pen in the middle of the page and SCRIBBLE! Keep going until there's no more space on your page.
- Next we'll make some marks. Don't think too hard. Go with whatever feels good. Make a squiggly line, or lots of small marks. You can even swap hands!



My Face, Your Face

- Can you remember what your face looks like? Draw one side of your face from memory.
- Now pass your self portrait to your neighbour.
- You're both going to complete the portraits using collage. You can go abstract or try to keep it realistic. Once you've finished, swap back. Voila! Your portrait is now complete.



Many Mobile Faces

- For our final activity, we're going to create an mobile in the style of Alexander Calder – inspired by our faces!
- This activity is all about having fun and playing so don't worry about it being perfect.
- We'll repurpose a chopstick for the mobile structure, and use thread to attach the shapes.
- Once you've made your shapes, thread a needle and poke it through the paper. Knot the thread on the paper side and attach it to the chopstick or one of the other paper shapes. Think about the balance of the mobile while you're attaching your shapes.

- To make your mobile, you could:
 - Think about what makes you unique, and cut shapes out of the colourful paper to represent this.
 - Add shapes and colours that bring you joy.
 - Draw a black outline around your shapes.
 - Make patterns! Use the scribble paper!
 - Tear up the paper. Enjoy the sensation!
 - Create layers with different coloured cutouts.
 - Use the CRE8 tape to add colour.

