Investigating Fingerprints

Did you know fingerprints are unique to each of us?

What You Will Need

- A washable ink pad
- White paper or card

Method

- Ask each person to press their finger carefully on the ink pad, from the last joint to the end of the finger.
- Remember to note whose print it is.
- Compare the fingerprints. What can you see?

Explanation

What are fingerprints?

- Fingerprints are tiny ridges and patterns on the tip of the finger.
- Fingerprints are a form of biometrics, a science that uses physical characteristics to identify people.
- What shapes can you see in your fingerprints?

Extension Activities

Can you make a chart of eye and hair colour for people in your family? Are they the same or different?