

Topic Plan Ideas – Summer

This pack contains some activity ideas for the ‘Summer’ topic as well as some blank forms for you to note down your own ideas.

Staring at a blank page when planning can be difficult so we hope that even if you don’t end up using our exact suggestions, they will be a spark of inspiration for your own great ideas when planning for your children.

(The different sheets are outlined below so you can decide which sheets you need to print).

Ideas sheet (Colour) – p2

Ideas sheet (BW) – p3

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We hope this helps!

Fine Motor

- Summer themed pom pom mats (using tweezers).
- Planting seeds (e.g. sunflower).
- Make sun shapes – chalk on pavement, paint, finger tracing, water painting in outdoor area, sand tray.



Number/Counting

- Hide themed objects around your outdoor area e.g. How many dinosaurs can you find? For older children introduce a checklist/tally element.
- Shells and numbers in the water tray.

Tuff Trays

- Sand – create a small world 'Beach' or 'Desert'.
- Materials to build your own boats.



Messy Play

- Mixing sand and water – What happens to it? What does it feel like?
- Water tray – small world sea animals, boats or pirates.

Shape/Pattern/Symmetry

- Summer symmetry – talk about summer themed symmetrical objects e.g. t-shirt, sun shape, crab, butterfly.
- Summer 2D shapes to make summer themed pictures e.g. a boat using semi-circle for main body triangles for sails, etc.

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Personal Opinions & Feelings

- What do you like to do during the summertime? (Discuss different summer activities).
- How does a sunny day make you feel? Is it different from a rainy day?

Measures

- Size ordering e.g. summer clothing – sun hats, sandals.
- Capacity – investigate 'full', 'half-full' and 'empty'. Then move on to 'Which containers hold more?'
- Weight – explore how heavy water feels (different container sizes).

Health & Self-Care

- Think about 'Sun safety'.
- What types of weather do we have in the summer? What clothes should we wear for each?
- Water safety.

Nurturing Relationships

- Share with each other what our favourite summertime activities are.
- Create a picnic area – reinforce sharing and turn taking.

Gross Motor

- Practise pouring water in and out of different containers (see also 'measures' – capacity box)
- Summer movement role-play e.g. 'Stretch up tall like a sunflower.'

Investigation

- Make your own boats. What materials should we use? How many passengers can they hold?
- Outdoor 'Sound Station'.
- Minibeast investigation – Where are they found? What minibeasts did you discover?

Role-Play

- Ice-cream shop
- Garden centre
- Teddy Bears' picnic
- Pirate ship
- Aquarium
- Hotel
- Airport
- Zoo

Summer Ideas

Mark making

- Draw pictures, shapes, letters, numbers, names in sand – using chalk on pavement, water using paintbrush in outdoor area.
- Make marks, draw, write about an outing or event e.g. trip to farm, summer fair, event, etc.

Creativity/Art/Design

- Make pictures using natural item loose parts whilst outdoors e.g. shells, twig, daisies.
- Bark rubbing.
- Pictures using coloured sand.
- Footprint and handprint pictures.
- Outdoor observational drawing.



Relevant Books

- Commotion in the ocean – Giles Andrea.
- Dear Zoo – Rod Campbell.
- Farmyard Hullabaloo – Giles Andrea.
- Sharing a Shell – Julia Donaldson.
- The Snail and the Whale – Julia Donaldson.

Phonics/High Freq. Words

- Sound cards or high frequency words buried in sand for children to find.
- Write initial sounds on sea animal water tray toys – children say sound as play with the toy.

Songs/Music/Poems

- Once I caught a fish alive.
- Big ship sails.
- Five little speckled frogs.
- Water sounds e.g. drip, bubble, splash, plop.
- Pirate song.

Alphabet

- Tuff tray of summer themed objects which feature the same sound e.g. 's' tray could have sandals, suncream, sunhat, glasses, suitcase, etc.

Mindfulness

- Think about your senses on a summer walk.
- Close eyes, sit still. What can you hear?
- Lie-down and look up at the sky. What shapes can you see in the clouds?

Colours

- Fruit slushies – freeze different coloured fruit juices or squashes – put them into a container and see what happens!
- Flower walk – what colour flowers can you see? Take photos and later mix paints to find the same colours.

Science Experiments

- 'Shadows' – How are they made? How do they change?
- 'Melting' e.g. ice cubes, chocolate buttons, ice-cream, butter.
- 'Float or sink' – which objects float/sink? Why?



Optional Home Learning

- '30 days of summer' activity grid.
- Summer bucket list.
- Summer holiday checklist.
- Summer walks – senses, wildlife, colours.

Vocab & Communication

- Discussing and finding the 'Signs of Summer' – various media and outdoor area.
- Summer themed word cards/picture communication.
- Adult describes summer object or activity – child to guess what it is.

Food

- Design and make your own fruit salad.
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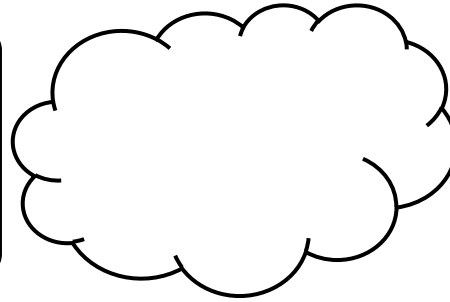
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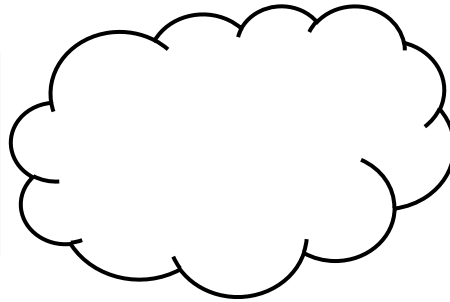
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