

Craft Activity

Theme: Colours – Purple

Intro: The colour Purple is a dark blend between the colours blue and red. Purple is often associated with Royalty, magic and mystery.

Craft activity: Make a Purple Crown

Children will need: Large paper plates, scissors, purple paint (add a little water to make it thinner like water colours), glue, sequins, glitter & jewels.

Instructions:

Bend paper plate in half, cut vertically up middle (3/4 of the way to the edge) of plate. Unbend paper plate and cut horizontally across cut you just made (essentially creating a + in the centre of the paper plate). Cut diagonally between each cut you have just made (creating 8 triangular slices in the centre). Lightly paint the crown with the water paint. Leave to dry. When dry, decorate the crown with whatever you would like, and once glue has dried you can wear your new purple crown.

Extension Idea: Can you make purple paint? What purple items can you see at Playgroup? Go to the shops and look for purple fruit and vegetables. You may want to buy these to try at home.

Fact: Only two Countries in the world have ever used the colour Purple in their flags – Dominica & the Second Spanish Republic.



Learning Outcome 4: Children are confident and involved learners.

Coordinator extension ideas and group time guide

Sensory activity: Make Purple Gloop

You will need: A deep tray/bowl, 2 cups of Cornflour, water and red and blue food colouring.

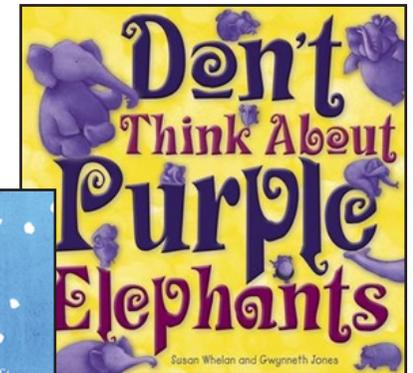
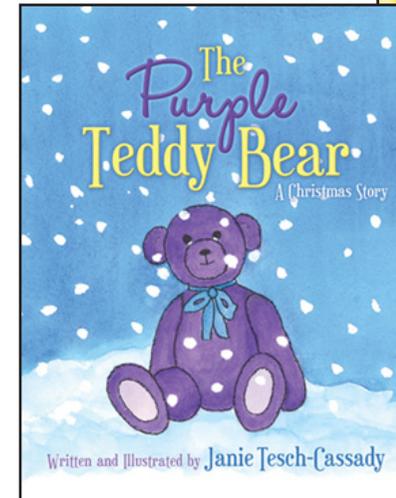
Instructions: Place the cornflour into the tray/bowl, gradually add water until there is a smooth and runny consistency. Add food colouring to gloop until the gloop turns purple.

Outside Activity:

Water Play - Add some red and blue food colouring to water, and let the children explore the purple water trays. Use purple chalk/pavement chalk and let the children draw pictures on the pavement outside.

Group time ideas:

- Did you find any purple items at Playgroup?
- Story time
- Name some objects that are purple
- Ask the children what their favourite colour is.



Book Suggestions:

Don't Think About Purple Elephants by Susan Whelan
The Purple Teddy Bear by Janie Tesch-Cassady