



Craft Activity

Theme: Circus

Intro: A Circus is a group of performers that entertain a crowd of people under a tent they call the Big Top. The performers include Acrobats, Trapeze artists, Tightrope Walkers, Clowns, and sometimes they have animals like Lions, Tigers, and Elephants.

Craft activity: Clown Face

Children will need: A small paper plate, multi coloured pom poms, pipe cleaners cut in half, glue, texta's, eye stickers, scissors.

Instructions:

Make a clown face using the pom poms, pipe cleaners and eye stickers. How funny can you make your clown face?

Extension Idea: Have a dress up day and children can parade their costumes to the families. Use any dress ups you may have at Playgroup.

Fact: The word "circus" means circle or ring.



Learning Outcome 3: Children have a strong sense of wellbeing.

Coordinator extension ideas and group time guide

Sensory activity: Fairy Floss Foam

You will need: Shaving Foam (not gel), food colouring

Instructions: Put some shaving foam into a tray. Use a couple of drops of food colouring and slowly mix together. See what rainbow colours it makes.

Outside Activity: Target throwing

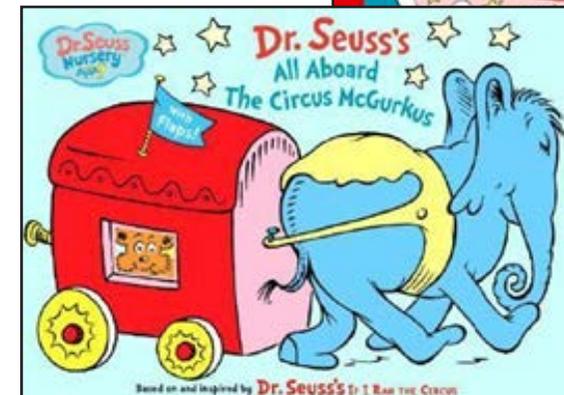
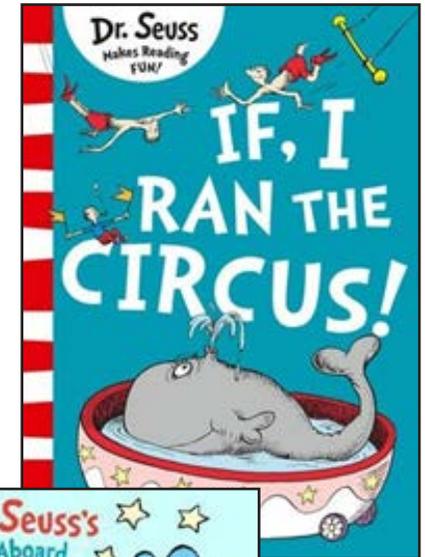
Instructions: Cut a hole in the side of a large box. Children can paint it to decorate it, if they wish. Using small, soft balls, bean bags or scrunched up newspaper, get children to throw the balls into the box.

Group time ideas:

Balancing Elephants – Place a piece of masking tape on the ground and have the children practice their balancing skills whilst walking along it. You can also sing 5 elephants balancing (use the number of children at the Playgroup session).

Juggling- use 1 or 2 bean bags or balls for the children to practice juggling.

Make a Big Top tent – use a parachute, or other large piece of material. Get the children to hold the edge of the parachute and raise their arms into the air. Quickly walk under the parachute and sit on the inside edge. The parachute will look like a Big Top tent when the air is trapped inside the 'chute.



Book Suggestions:

If I ran the Circus by Dr Seuss

The Circus McGurkus by Dr Seuss