



Craft Activity

Theme: Dr Seuss – “The more you read, the more things you will know. The more you know, the more places you will go.

Intro: Dr Seuss has written and illustrated 44 Children’s Books. Four of them have been turned into Movies – The Cat in the Hat, The Grinch that stole Christmas, Horton Hears a Who and the Lorax.



Craft activity: Truffula Trees – from The Lorax



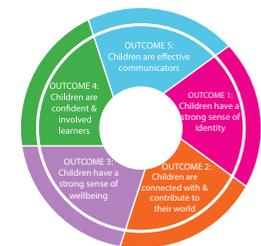
Children will need: White Paper or Card, strip of green paper, paper stripped straws – cut in half, blue, yellow and pink paint, blue, yellow and pink pom poms, paint brushes, scissors and glue.

Instructions:

Take a strip of green paper and cut lines in to it half way down to fray the one edge. Glue the strip on to the bottom of your white paper. Paint a yellow, blue and pink truffula tree top by putting the paintbrush on to the paper, pushing down and twisting it around. Glue down the straw tree trunks, and once the paint has dried, glue on the pom poms to the tree top.

Extension Idea: Have a copy of The Lorax and talk about the Truffula Trees in the story. Which talks about how we should look after our environment. A loofah could be used to “paint” the tree top onto the paper.

Fact: Dr Seuss wasn’t a real Doctor. He was an Author, Cartoonist and Animator.



Learning Outcome 5: Children are effective communicators.

Coordinator extension ideas and group time guide

Sensory activity: Cat in the Hat Slime (made in advance)

You will need: A large tray, 2 containers (old ice cream containers or bowls) Lux Soap Flakes, Boiling water, red food colouring.

Instructions: Make a red and a white batch of slime as per instructions – Mix together in a container 2 cups of soap flakes, 2 litres of boiling water and red food colouring into one and leave the other as is. Leave both too cool, the longer it stands the thicker it becomes. You can store it in the fridge overnight. Just before Playgroup starts, use a butter knife to slice the two colours of slime, then layer the red and white coloured slime just like Cat in the Hats – Hat. Let the children explore the slime using their hands or utensils such as pop sticks, scoops etc.

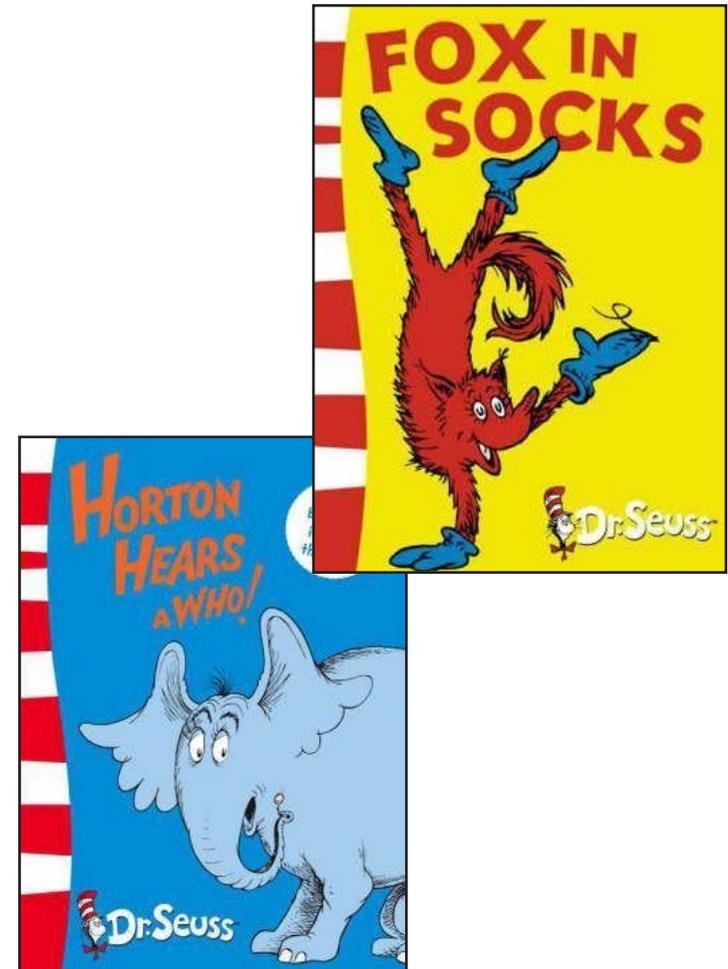
Outside Activity: Hop On Pop

Instructions: Cut bubble wrap into squares approx. 30cms x 30cms. Tape the squares to the ground, in a line, with a small gap between each one. Let children hop onto each square and listen to the bubbles pop.



Group time ideas:

Choose a Dr Seuss book to share with the group, read and talk about the book, such as Green Eggs & Ham, Cat in the Hat, One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish, Dr Seuss's Sleep Book, Oh, The Place You'll Go!



Book Suggestions:

Horton Hears a Who! by Dr Seuss
Fox in Socks by Dr Seuss