



Craft Activity

Theme: Halloween

Intro: Halloween is celebrated on the 31st October in many countries across the world. The day is used as a time to remember family and friends who are no longer on this Earth. Many people celebrate by dressing up, going trick or treating and carving pumpkins into jack-o-lanterns.



Craft activity: Spider Hat

Children will need: Black Card, coloured card, sticker eyes, glue, scissors, sticky tape.

Instructions:

Cut a thick headband from the black card, long enough to wrap around your head. Use the sticky tape to join the 2 ends of card. Cut thin strips from the black card, for the spider's legs. Bend legs into a "V" shape. Tape or glue the legs to the inside of the headband. Use coloured card to make eyes and glue to the headband. You can also use sticker eyes if available. Add other stickers or decorations if you wish.



Extension Idea: Children can use different coloured card. Other crafts the children may wish to make could include spooky ghost handprints or paper plate spiderwebs. Children could also sort or make patterns with Halloween pictures.

(see attached templates-print and cut out each picture.)

Fact: The word "witch" comes from an Old English word meaning "wise woman". The first "Jack-o-Lanterns" were made from turnips.



Learning Outcome 2: Children are connected with and contribute to their world

Coordinator extension ideas and group time guide

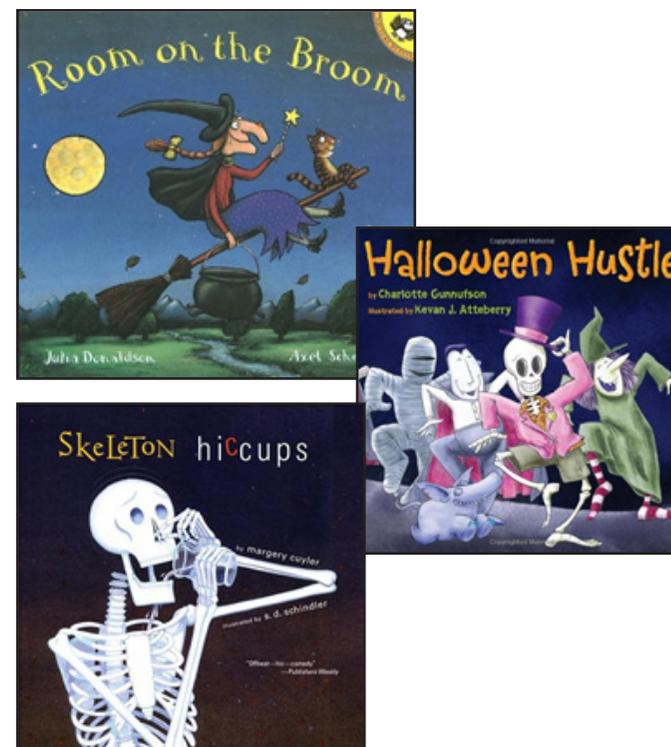
Sensory activity: Jelly Play Tray

You will need: Orange Jelly (set overnight), Play Tray, a variety of plastic spiders, insects or anything else associated with Halloween.

Instructions: Place the set Jelly into the play tray. Add Halloween play items to the tray for children to feel and manipulate.

Group time ideas:

- Discussion on safety around Trick or treating.
- Make ghosts on a stick using marshmallows and popsticks or some pumpkin soup.
- Ask the children what they know about Halloween.
- Read suggested stories and sing Halloween related songs



Book Suggestions:

Room on the Broom by Julia Donaldson
Halloween Hustle by Charlotte Gunnufson
Skeleton Hiccups by Margery Cuyler



5 Little Pumpkins

Five little pumpkins
Sitting on a gate
The first one said,
"Oh, my, it's half past eight!"
The second one said,
"There are witches in the air!"
The third one said,
"Good folk, beware!"
The fourth one said,
"We'll run and run and run!"
The fifth one said,
"Let's have some fun!"
OOOOOOH, went the wind
And OUT went the light
And the five little pumpkins
Rolled out of sight

The Addams Family Theme Song

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They're creepy and they're kooky,
mysterious and spooky,
They're all together ooky,

Their house is a museum,
when people come to see 'em
They really are a screa-um
The Addams Family

(spoken: Neat, sweet, petit!)

So get a witch's shawl on,
A broomstick you can crawl on.
We're going to make a call on
The Addams Family



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