

Playgroup SA

*Playgroup Weekly
Session Planner*

Books - Now That's a Hat!

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CRAFT ACTIVITY

Author Heath McKenzie's Book "Now That's a Hat!" is a funny story the children will love about someone's quest to find the right hat. There is lots of rhyming text, and wonderful illustrations that bring the story about finding just the right type of hat.

Craft activity: Make your own hat

Children will need: Large paper plates, scrap materials, ribbons, feathers, stickers, glitter, textas, crayons, scissors, glue.

Instructions: Cut the inner circle of the paper plate like the sample pictures – either with spikes that you can decorate or cut flap into a shape and decorate your hat with whatever supplies you have. Add stickers and glitter or colour in.

Extension ideas: Make two holes either side of your hat and add some elastic or ribbon to your hat so you can secure the hat to your head, add fake jewels to give your hat some extra sparkle. Paint your hat in your favourite colour first and leave to dry before decorating.

Fact: London Black Taxi's were built tall so that a Gentleman could ride in them without having to take off his Top Hat.



Learning Outcome 1: Children have strong sense of identity.



OUTDOOR ACTIVITY

Hat Quoits - If you have a set of Quoits use the base only and see if the children can throw and get their hat onto the pole. See how many go's it takes them to get their hat on there or have 3 old caps and see if they can get all 3 on to the pole.

SENSORY ACTIVITY

What Hat is this?

You will need: A large cardboard box, a few different hats (baseball cap, flat cap, any type of lady's hat, straw hat), a blindfold.

Instructions: Put all the different hats inside of the box, have the children take turns in putting on the blindfold and let them feel inside the box and try and guess all the different types of hats. Have them describe how each one feels to touch.

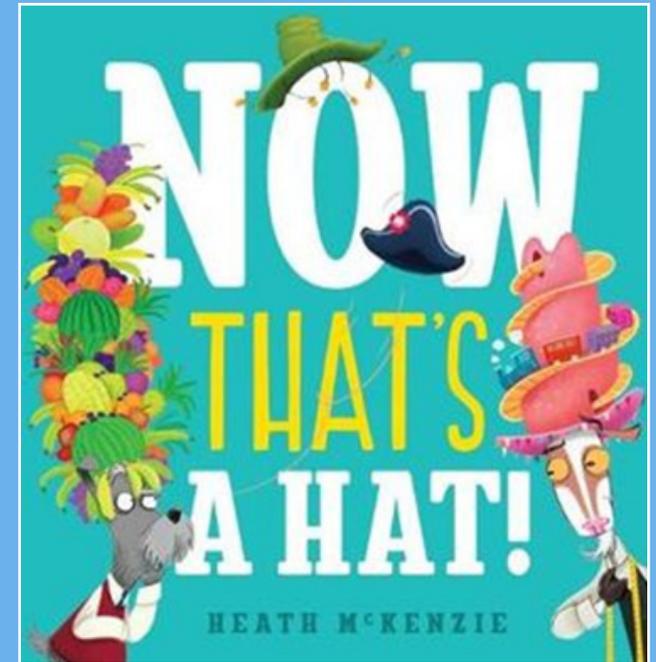
GROUP TIME IDEAS

Ask the children to bring along their favourite hat to Playgroup that week, and then at group time let the children show their hat and tell everyone why it is their favourite. They could wear their brand-new hat that they have just made today at Playgroup.

Balance your hat on different parts of your body.

Read the suggested books.

If you have access to youtube, watch the story, "Caps for Sale"
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=INptSCKqdfg>



BOOK SUGGESTIONS

Now That's A Hat! By Heath McKenzie

Zoo House By Heath McKenzie

Butt Out By Heath Mckenzie

