



Playgroup SA

Playgroup Weekly Session Planner

Harmony Day

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CRAFT ACTIVITY

Harmony Day is held on the 21st March 2020 and is a celebration of the Country's cultural diversity – "Everyone Belongs".

Craft activity: Harmony Hand Fan

Children will need: Orange Card, scissors, texta's/crayons/pencil, pop sticks, sticky tape, stickers.

Instructions: Help the children to trace their hand on to the orange card. Cut out the hand, decorate it with stickers or just colour it in. Using the sticky tape, stick the hand onto the pop stick to make a fan.

Extension ideas: Turn the handprints in to bunting – hole punch each child's decorated hand and thread on to string, and display everyone's harmony hands in your Playgroup.

Fact: The top 5 languages spoken in Australia are: English, Mandarin, Arabic, Cantonese, and Vietnamese.



Learning Outcome 1: Children have a strong sense of identity.



OUTDOOR ACTIVITY

Ask the children to come to Playgroup with an item from their culture. They may have a costume they could wear or ask that the children wear something orange this week. Let the children parade in their costumes and with their items.

SENSORY ACTIVITY

Orange Gloop

You will need: Cornflour, water, orange paint, tray

Instructions: Mix paint and water together to make a runny, coloured liquid. Mix a small amount of liquid with cornflour in the tray. Encourage children to put their hands into the tray and “play” with the gloop. See what happens when they try and pick up the gloop.

GROUP TIME IDEAS

When you have finished the parade ask the children to sit in a circle and let each child talk about what they have brought in to share for Harmony Day or talk about the costume they are wearing to the group.

Using a world map, children can place a sticker on the Country they come from.

Say “Good Morning” in different languages.

Read out an Indigenous Welcome.



BOOK SUGGESTIONS

I'm Australian Too by Mem Fox

We are one by Jennifer Black

