



# Playgroup SA

## *Playgroup Weekly Session Planner*

*St Patrick's Day*

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# CRAFT ACTIVITY

St Patrick's Day is a special day in Ireland but is celebrated all over the world on March the 17th. It celebrates the life St Patrick the patron Saint - who according to legend drove all the snakes from Ireland (even though snakes aren't native to Ireland). The Irish wear the colour green and small bunches of shamrocks - a type of clover, to celebrate.

**Craft activity:** Leprechaun Hats

**Children will need:** Pop sticks, Green paint or textas, black & yellow paper or card, glue scissors, card or cardboard.

**Instructions:** Colour 9 pop sticks with green texta, crayons, or paint. Glue the pop sticks onto the cardboard. Cut a strip of the black paper, glue onto the bottom of the hat, but above the hats rim. Cut a square of the yellow paper and then another smaller black square. Glue in the middle of the black strip the yellow square, and then glue on top the black square, leave to dry.

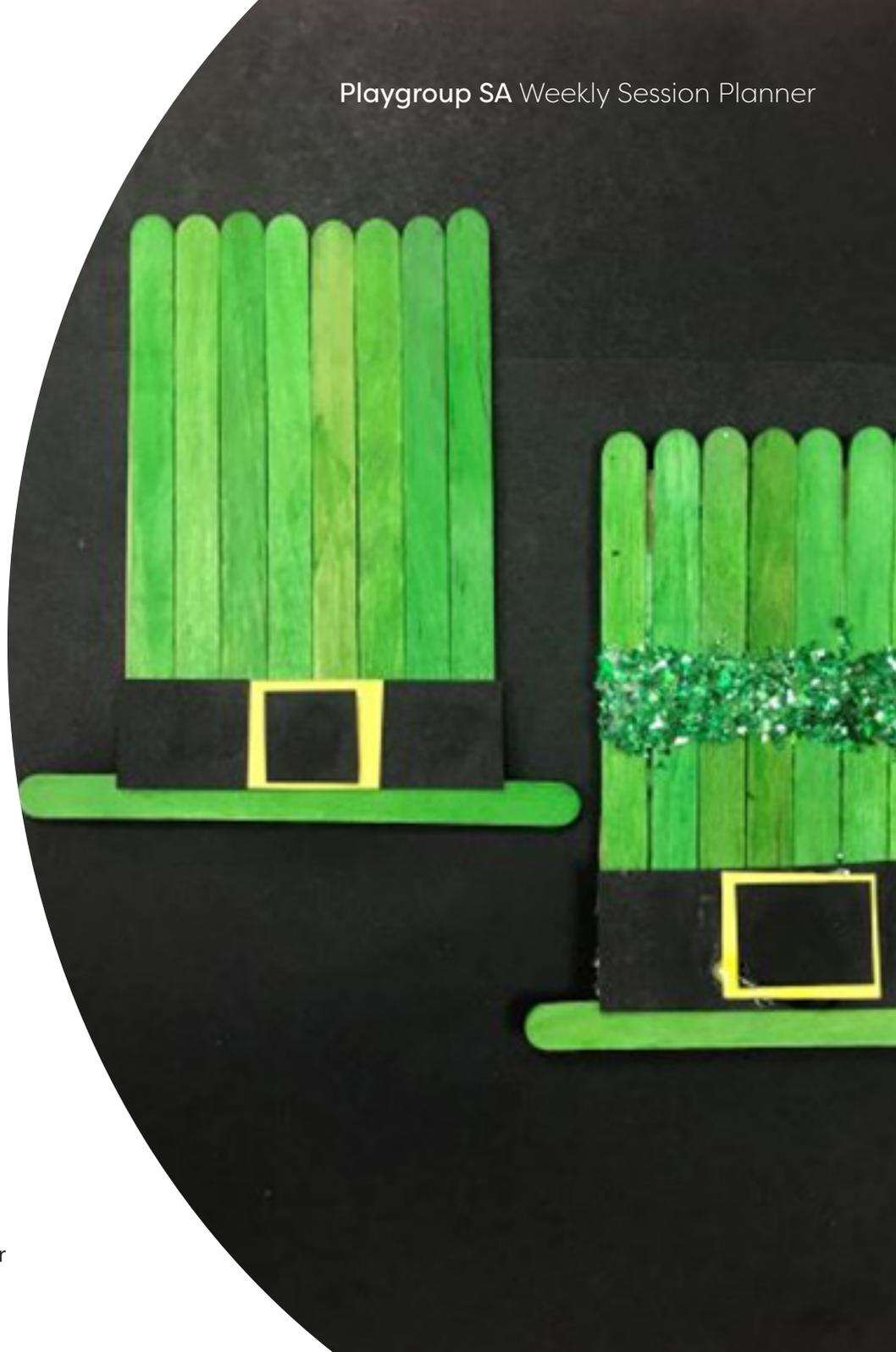
**Extension ideas:**

Add green glitter to your hat or cut out a shamrock out of green paper or card and glue onto the hat.

**Fact:** The first St Patrick's Day parade was held in Boston, USA in 1737.



**Learning Outcome 2:** Children are connected with & contribute to their world.



# OUTDOOR ACTIVITY

Hold your own St Patrick's Day Parade – ask everyone to wear something green.

# SENSORY ACTIVITY

## Leprechaun Slime

**You will need:** A large tray or smaller individual containers, soap flakes, green food colouring, green glitter, boiling water, large ice cream container or similar, to pre make the slime in, utensils to play with the slime.

**Instructions:** In a large sealable container put 2 cups of Lux Soap Flakes, 2 Liters of Boiling Water, and 1 tablespoon of green food colouring, and green glitter. Mix well and leave to set overnight.

**COVID Safety:** Scoop individual amounts into little trays or bowls. Or give each child their own set of utensils to play with the slime.

# GROUP TIME IDEAS

Crab soccer - This activity promotes gross motor skills including balance, coordination and large muscle movement. Ask children questions about their People paper chain.



# BOOK SUGGESTIONS

The Luckiest St Patricks Day Ever! By Teddy Slater & Ethan Long  
That's What Leprechauns Do by Eve Bunting

