



# Playgroup SA

## *Playgroup Weekly Session Planner*

*Starfish*

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# CRAFT ACTIVITY

Many species of Starfish or Sea Stars are brightly coloured orange or reds, although some species are blue, grey or brown. There are around 1500 species of Starfish all over the world's ocean beds, ranging from warm tropical waters to frosty polar temperatures. Some of the things that Starfish like to eat include small fish, sea snails, oysters and clams.

**Craft activity:** Make your own Starfish

**Children will need:** Coloured card, buttons, sequins, glitter. Scissors and glue.

**Instructions:** Using the template below, cut out the Starfish shape and decorate it using the items you have. Make it as bright and colourful as you can.

**COVID Safe suggestions:** COVID Safe suggestions: Set up individual craft stations, for social distancing, and wipe over items used and table before setting up for the next child. Or make up a craft pack for the children to take home.

**Extension ideas:** Make two or three Starfish cut out the centre, decorate, sticky tape coloured cellophane to the back of the Starfish so you can display them on a window, where the sun can shine through the coloured cellophane to make a pretty display.

**Fact:** Starfish have two stomachs and can live up to 35 years.



**Learning Outcome 4:** Children are confident and involved learners.



# OUTDOOR ACTIVITY

Set up some individual water play stations (for social distancing) in large bowls or trays add some sand in there and some shells, toy fish or starfish if you have them and let the children play and explore the underwater world.

# GROUP TIME IDEAS

Sing the Starfish song (words attached) to the tune of Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star – with the children holding up their Starfish's as they sing the song. Finish off with reading one of the Book suggestions.



**Little Starfish**  
*Sung to  
Twinkle, Twinkle*

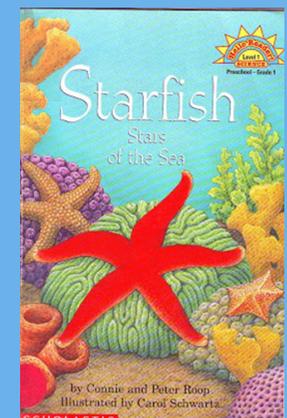
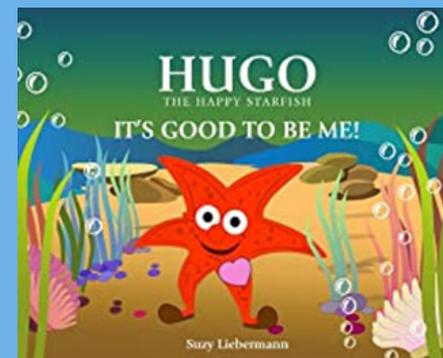
Bumpy, pointy little starfish.  
How I wonder what you are.  
Deep below the blue, blue sea.  
Swimming 'round so carelessly.  
Bumpy, pointy little starfish.  
How I wonder what you are.



# BOOK SUGGESTIONS

Hugo the Happy Starfish by Suzy Liebermann

Starfish - Star of the Sea by Connie & Peter Roop.



# Starfish - Sea Stars

