



Playgroup SA

Playgroup Weekly Session Planner

Transport - Boats

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CRAFT ACTIVITY

Boats are used to travel on water. Some have sails, some have oars, and some have motors. They can transport people, and goods such as food, and materials. Boats can also be used for fun purposes like fishing, water skiing, and sailing.

Craft activity: Sponge Boats

Children will need: Flat rectangle sponges - cut into 3, Toothpicks, coloured/patterned paper, glue, scissors.

Instructions: Cut out of the coloured/patterned paper two triangle shapes for the sails, and glue back-to-back, with the toothpick in the middle. Once the glue has dried place the sail into the sponge boat.

Extension ideas:

Using plastic straws instead of toothpicks, cut slightly larger triangles, and cut two small incisions into them at the top and bottom of the triangles and you can thread the sail onto the straw. You can also add a small flag above your sail in the same paper or use different paper or material instead.

Fact: Some of the first boats ever built, were made from hollowed out tree trunks.



Learning Outcome 4: Children are confident and involved learners.



OUTDOOR ACTIVITY

Fill some trays up with water and test how your boat floats.
Have boat races.

SENSORY ACTIVITY

Water Tray Fun - what floats?

You will need: Tray or bowls with water, different items that you can see if the float or sink, such as plastic bottle tops, pebbles, leaves.

Instructions: Place the items next to the water trays/bowls and let the children place each item into the tray and watch what happens. Ask the children did it float or sink?

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

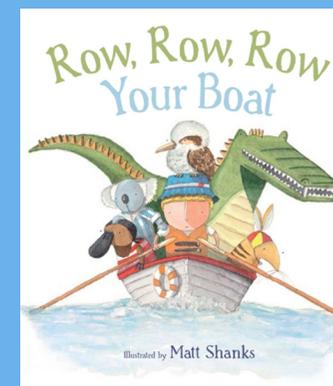
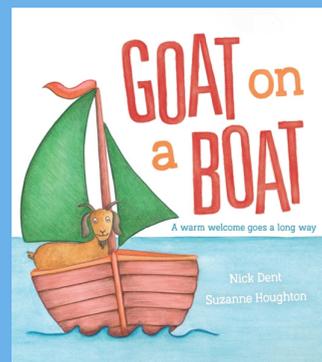
GROUP TIME IDEAS

Have song time and sing Row Row Row your boat and Once I caught a Fish Alive (Lyrics attached) or any other sea themed songs.



BOOK SUGGESTIONS

Goat on a Boat by Nick Dent & Suzanne Houghton and Row Row Row your Boat by Matt Shanks.





Row, Row, Row Your Boat



Row, row, row your boat,

Gently down the stream.

Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily,

Life is but a dream.

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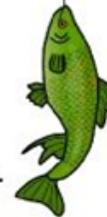
1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Once I Caught a Fish Alive

One, two, three, four five
Once I caught a fish alive.

Six, seven, eight, nine, ten
Then I let it go again.

Why did you let it go?
Because it bit my finger so.

Which finger did it bite?
This little finger on my right.



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