



Playgroup SA

Playgroup Weekly Session Planner

Transport - Trains

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CRAFT ACTIVITY

Trains were built to help transport goods and passengers, with the modern age of trains beginning in the early 1800's. They were invented many years before cars. Trains are still used today to deliver food, and water to some of Australia's most remote Towns.

Craft activity: My Name Train

Children will need: Long sheets of paper or landscape A4. Template of Train Engine (below) printed on to coloured paper, coloured paper cut into rectangle or square shapes to be used as carriages. Black or coloured circle stickers for wheels. Glue, scissors, textas or crayons, and cotton wool balls.

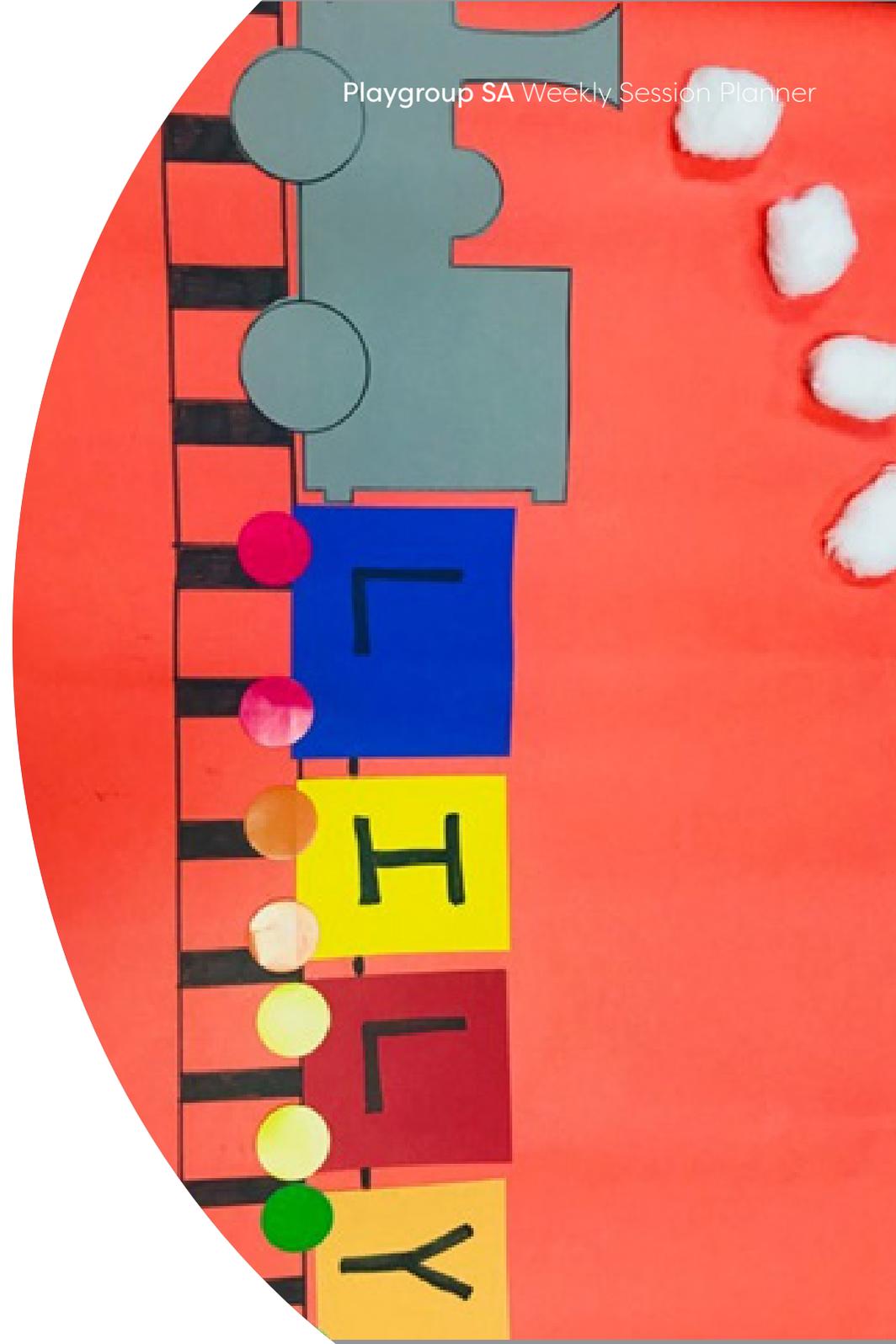
Instructions: Cut out train engine, squares and rectangle shape's out of coloured paper if not already done so. Stick your train engine onto the paper, adding enough carriages for each letter of the child's name, add wheels. Write in texta or crayon on each carriage a letter until the child's name is spelt out on to the train carriages. Glue cotton wool balls on to the picture like steam is coming from the Engines chimney.

COVID Safe Suggestion: Individual craft set ups for the children. You may need to clean things like scissors, glue sticks etc after each child's use if there are more children than individual set up spots.

Fact: Trains are one of the most, eco-friendly ways to travel.



Learning Outcome 4: Children are confident and involved learners.



OUTDOOR ACTIVITY

Set up outside train sets if you have some and let the children build their own train tracks, and let them create their own train line, stations and what the train is carrying.



GROUP TIME IDEAS

Ask the children if they have ever travelled on a train or if they live near a train track – what sort of trains do they see? Trains that carry passengers or long freight trains? Did you see what the trains were carrying?



A passenger train speeding past

BOOK SUGGESTIONS

Terrific Trains by Tony Mitton & Ant Parker

What's in my Train by Linda Bleck.

