

SIMPLE, LOW EQUIPMENT, EVERYDAY IMAGINATION ACTIVITIES



Hello!

My name's Amelia I run an Early Years Imagination and story business. IMAGINATION and all the incredible, holistic benefits it encourages is a real passion of mine as I love creating JOY and engagement out of the simple things we find around us every day!

As well as running my Imagination and Story sessions I also provide online training to people within the early sector and parents, who want to encourage CREATIVITY, VOCABULARY and ENGAGEMENT through fun, simple activities.

Children are built to PLAY and therefore we should always strive to join them in their play for their learning wherever possible.

I hope these little ideas open up imaginations, dive into new topics for enhancing speech and language and capture the children's focus so you can enjoy amazing moments with them.

For more information on my no equipment, powerful 10 minute oracy building, creativity enhancing and engagement increasing (yes that sounds like a lot of development in 10 mins but check out the reviews to know it's possible) please look at IMAGINATION TIME training
www.littleplaydreamers.co.uk

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Bug hunt

When going on a bug hunt try asking the children if they can move like the bug, can we flap like a fly, walk in a line behind each other, or pass an object down the line like ants. Try joining up by asking them to place their hands on the shoulders of the person in front of them and try bobbing up and down to create the waving motion of a caterpillar's body!

Understanding the world

Physical Development

Social development

Who's behind the door?

Attach numbers around the room and tell the children these are different houses' doors. Pick up some objects, ask them to count them and then go to the number door that is the same. You then all knock on the door together! BUT who's behind the door? Get everyone to listen whilst you make a silly noise e.g. snoring, stomping, growling. Let the children create a short narrative of who may live there.

Communication and language

Mathematics

Literacy

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The super squiggle

Drawing a super squiggle on the board or a piece of paper let the children come up with ideas of what the squiggle could turn into.

Pick one of the ideas and let the children take it in turns to add to the squiggle to help it come to life!

Communication and language

Art and creative
design

Campfire cookout

Tell the children you are going to have a very exciting campfire cook out! Let them gather sticks from around the area and ask them to work as a team to stack them. Once built ask everyone to sit around and pretend to light the fire, but keep back it's hot!

Let the children collect leaves and help them put them on sticks like marshmallows so they can "toast them"

Extras - Tell stories, listen to nature, pretend it's night time and talk about nocturnal animals.

Physical Development

Communication and language

Social development



Shape fun

Cut up a few sheets of felt into simple shapes, square, triangle etc.

Give the children a theme e.g. rockets, sea creatures, robots and ask them to create a picture using the simple shapes.

TIP - Asking questions like "Can you tell me about this part of your robot?" & "Can you tell me what's going to happen next to your bee?" helps expand the children's thinking.

TIP - Talk about the shape's name whilst using them. You can even start by asking them all to collect 2 circles and 3 squares before starting

Mathematics

Art and creative design



You can even combine the shape and floor art. These were aliens and rockets in space!



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Floor art

Start by Collecting lots of materials from around the room (This can be scarves, blankets, towels!)

I like to start with a large base sheet. I then set the scene for the children and ask them what they might see there. We then talk about the colours of these things and recreate them using the materials.

Once your picture is done the children can collect a few items that may add to their floor art.

This is a really nice photo opportunity too!

TIP - The picture looks best when taken from directly above!

Art and creative design

THAT'S JUST THE BEGINNING



If you and the children you have shared these activities with have enjoyed exploring your imaginations but really want to deepen that learning, I have something special for you!

Imagination Time

Adventure into the world of imagination to create powerful opportunities for Oracy (speech and language) and Engagement.

Discover how to inspire deeper engagement, richer storytelling and stronger oracy skills in the children you support.

Imagination Time is a 10 minute child-centred activity to develop oracy, vocabulary and creativity in those vital early years. With minimal prep time and no equipment needed, you will learn everything you need to scaffold this engaging and powerful activity in this 1 hour training course.

Imagine how 10 mins a few times a week of Imagination Time could transform your setting:

- Children eagerly joining in conversations and extending their vocabulary naturally
- Rich child-led storytelling, role-play, and creative thinking happening with every adventure
- Increased engagement during transitions and waiting times in this pop-up style activity as well as in provision
- A more confident, language-rich environment where every child has a voice
- Build creativity, confidence, and critical thinking
- Create memorable learning experiences with minimal preparation

WELCOME TO IMAGINATION TIME!

Book your space & for more info- www.littleplaydreamers.co.uk

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