



Activities at home for Hedgehogs and Lambs

Our topic for the month of September is: Materials, construction and shape

The areas we will be covering are:

- Role play - construction zone
- Using tools and props to support role play.
- Looking at different materials for construction.
- Using a variety of toys/materials for construction to build and balance.
- Constructing vertically and horizontally using their imagination.
- Creating dens and making enclosures in different spaces.
- Experiment with blocks, colours and marks.
- Exploring different textures during messy play.
- Exploring the concepts of heavy/light, more/less.
- Introduction to measuring.
- Construction on a large scale using the soft play/large waffles.
- Exploring and using 3D and 2D shapes.
- Looking at machines that are used to build - diggers, cranes etc..
- Looking at buildings - how they are made; what they are made of.
- Junk modelling creations.
- Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) 6th - 8th

Books, rhymes and songs:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transport (story sack).• Bob the builder (song and story)• The Elves and the Shoemaker (cd story)• The Three Little Pigs (story box)• Dump Truck Disco (cd story)• Construction Trucks action rhyme | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wendel's Workshop (story)• After the Storm (story)• Amazing Machines (fact books)• Circle and square song• Hansel and Gretel (story)• Shape Song Swing Along (cd story)• My Friend Robot (cd story)• Construction song |
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Ideas how to explore this topic at home or when you are out and about:

- Building at home with different materials. Bring in and share.
- Talk about shapes and look for shapes in the environment when out and about.
- Looking at the shapes of different buildings. Bring in photos to share.
- Use cut out shapes to create pictures.
- Den building in different spaces, indoors and outdoors.
- Using objects to represent something else ie a box for a castle, telephone.
- Use items from the outdoor environment to construct.
- Talk about how to use tools safely.
- Use various toys and building tools for small world construction play. Add cereals, beans, sand and clean mud to create different textures.
- Experiment with blocks, colours and marks. Bring in end products to show.