

Umbrella mobile

Create a sensory object full of different textures and materials to support your youngest children.

Learning aims

- Physical development
- Communication and language
- Personal, social and emotional development
- Mathematical development.

Resources

- Child's umbrella - this could be donated by parents and can feature any appropriate design/colour
- String
- A range of interesting items for children to look at with different properties/colours/textures: ribbons, glittery threads, different textured fabrics, large buttons, coloured cellophane, objects that shine, objects that make a noise etc.



Activity Outline

- Tie the string to the items and hang them from the umbrella using the umbrella frame
- Hang textured items so they are long enough so the baby can reach up and touch them to gain the most benefit
- Lie alongside the baby as they take in the textures
- Relate the relevant language to what the child is seeing and feeling, this is a great opportunity for one-to-one time with your key children and will provide early opportunities for the children to develop their senses.

Special considerations

When working with particularly young children, it is important to ensure that all objects attached to the mobile are safe to be touched and played with.

Carefully consider any object that could become a choking hazard or has sharp edges and make adjustments as required.

Ensure you regularly clean the mobile after use.