

Hats galore

Whether or not the sun has got its hat on, you can help children in your setting to learn about sun safety ready for the warmer weather!

This activity will help to develop skills including turn-taking, communication through describing words and listening, and knowledge of the world.

Resources

- Collection of washable hats
- Container for storage
- Books and pictures that show people wearing hats.
- Dolls, hats, scarves

NB – Sun safety interest boxes could also be made, with a collection of sunglasses, sunscreen bottles, summer clothes.



Activity outline

- Provide a set of sun hats or ask the group of children to bring a sun hat in from home
- Have a circle/group time to introduce the children to the hats and to open discussion about the importance of wearing hats in the sun
- Put the hat collection into a box and place it in the dramatic play area
- Provide materials/hats for the children to make sun hats for the dolls
- Take photographs of the children wearing the hats and make a display for the children to look at and talk about
- Have a selection of books that show people wearing sun hats and other sun protection to encourage language, communication and sun safety awareness

Working with Babies

Babies and toddlers love to explore and practitioners can make “Discovery bags/boxes” for them too. Two babies close to each other can reach into a bag or box and pull out hats to explore, and the practitioner can use describing words to name the object.