

Individual Activity Lesson Plan

Date: Tuesday 7th April 2020

Activity Title: Wild Things Den Building

Learning Intention: To use a range of materials to build a den.

Activity Overview: Use a range of materials to make a den.

Links to EYFS: Expressive Arts & Design: Exploring using media & materials: Uses various construction materials.

Resources:

- bed sheets/blankets/pillow cases/throws
- chairs
- cushions
- pegs
- tea set, toys & storybooks (optional for role-playing in the den)

Key vocabulary:

Build, construct, make, challenge, materials, hide, join, fabric.

ACTIVITY IMPLEMENTATION (including key questions)

Introduction:

- ❖ Recap/reread *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak.
- ❖ Ask: **Where is the story set?**
- ❖ Look at images of the forest setting in the story.
- ❖ Explain that today's challenge is to build a den for the Wild Things to live in.



Main Activity:

Build a Den

- ❖ Invite your child to gather the resources listed above to build a den indoors or outdoors (s/he may need support with gathering sheets from storage cupboards).
- ❖ Encourage your child to use chairs of varying heights to create different angles.
- ❖ Support your child to secure the sheets and blankets with pegs.
- ❖ Once the outer structure of the den has been built, focus on creating a cosy interior, by adding cushions, blankets and soft toys.



Activity review:

- ❖ Gather props/resources for holding a Wild Thing tea party in the den. Or, perhaps your den is a perfect place for reading a story.

Additional ways to support your child:

Support your child by asking open ended questions:
I wonder how we can attach the sheet to their chair? This is way is not working, can you think of a different way?

Extension:

Challenge your child to independently build a den, using different resources. This may involve using sticks/logs outside or Lego to make a miniature den for a toy etc.