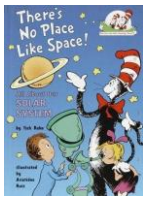




Activity Lesson Plan

Peach Class

Date: Thursday 09 April 2020	
Activity Title: Catching Stars – There’s No Place like Space	
Learning Intention: To show control when holding and using tools	Activity Overview: Use fine motor skills and hand eye coordination to ‘catch the stars’ using tongs, scoops and ladles.
Links to EYFS: Physical development – Moving and handling: 22-36 months	Key vocabulary: Black beans, catch, star, hold, tray, try, jar, and container, describe, control, show, hands/fingers.
Resources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stars (cut out paper stars, if don’t have plastic stars available) Jar/container/bowl Tray Black beans Tongs, scoops, ladle Story link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sl4QuS2SrTE 	
ACTIVITY IMPLEMENTATION (including key questions)	
Introduction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Watch and listen to the story in focus – Click on to the link above. Give your child an opportunity to talk about his/her thoughts and prompt where s/he can see stars. <i>Where can you find the stars?</i> <i>How many can you see? What do you notice?</i> 	
Main Activity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain that you are going to create the sky/galaxy for him/her to catch the stars. Invite your child to help you set up the activity using the resources available. Model how to catch a star whilst verbalising your thinking. <i>‘This is very exciting, I’m going to catch the red star using my tongs, oh no it’s tricky – it’s fallen... I’m going to try again. I’m going to put it in the jar and then ...etc.</i> Make it fun by using intonation and facial expressions and let them play and explore to find their own ways of catching the stars. <i>I wonder which star you’re going to catch next?</i> <i>Yellow, blue, white – can you say which star you’re going to catch next?</i> <i>Can you describe what you are doing?</i> 	 
Challenge: Hang the stars from a line and see if they can catch them. Hang the stars from the line so they can reach them standing on their toes.	
Additional ways to support your child: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Test catching the stars using all the different tools and have fun! Cheat at times by picking the star up with your hands to see your child’s response. 	Extension: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Count how many stars you have been able to catch.