

Activity Lesson Plan

Willow Class

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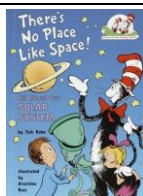
Activity Title: Catching Stars – There's No Place like Space

Learning Intention: To show control when holding and using tools

Links to EYFS: Physical development – Moving and handling: 22-36 months

Resources:

- 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=SI4QuS2SrTE>

Activity Overview:

Use fine motor skills and hand eye coordination to 'catch the stars' using tongs, scoops and ladles.

Key vocabulary:

Black beans, catch, star, hold, tray, try, jar, and container, describe, control, show, hands/fingers.

ACTIVITY IMPLEMENTATION (including key questions)

Introduction:

- 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.
- *Where can you find the stars?*
- *How many can you see? What do you notice?*

Main Activity:

- 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.
- *'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.'*
- 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 wonder which star you're going to catch next?*
- *Yellow, blue, white – can you say which star you're going to catch next?*
- *Can you describe what you are doing?*



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:

- 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:

- Count how many stars you have been able to catch.