

Date: Monday 6th April 2020

Activity Title: Den Making – 'Orion and the Dark'		
Learning Intention: To show an interest in shape, size and	Activity Overview: to use various materials/	
space in the environment.	items at home to have fun and create a den.	
Links to EYFS:		
Maths; Space, shape and measure: 30-50 months.		
Resources:	Key vocabulary:	
-various sized pieces of fabric (bedsheets & blankets work	Measure, bigger, smaller, longer, shorter,	
well)	higher, square, rectangle, shape.	
-large boxes (recycled)		
-pegs		
ACTIVITY IMPLEMENTATION (including key questions)		

Introduction:

- Find a large space inside or outside.
- Challenge your child to create a den.
- Encourage him/her to consider which materials they will need.

Main Activity:

- Encourage creative thinking and trying different materials. Encourage your child to test out their ideas.
- Involve your child in looking at the shapes of the den, and the resources and how they fit together.
- Discuss size and how many people can fit in it, does it need to be bigger, smaller, etc.

Questions:

- I wonder how big this den should be?
- Can you describe the den you've made?
- What materials did you use?

Challenge:

• Ask your child to create a den for a particular item e.g. a teddy, a small car...

*Note: keep your den in place for the 'Night Writing' activity to follow.

Additional ways to support your child:	Extension:
• Fully participate with your child, have fun	• Role-play in the den. What could you use it as?
and let your child see and experience how	A place for a picnic, a castle, a bear's cave, a
enjoyable this can be.	place to camp in the wild?



