

Individual Activity Lesson Plan

Date: Wednesday 20th May 2020

Activity Title: Moon rock count and throw

Learning Intention:

- To begin to use numbers in play and recognise numerals 1, 2 and 3.

Links to EYFS:

- Mathematics: Numbers.

Activity Overview:

To throw moon rocks into a box. Your child will be introduced to numbers.

Resources:

- Tin foil
- A box. For example, a plastic box or laundry basket.

Key vocabulary:

Tin foil, space, scrunch up, throw, aim, look, point, rocks, moon, count, how many? 1, 2, 3

ACTIVITY IMPLEMENTATION (including key question)

Introduction:

- Show your child the picture of the moon rock below. Explain that these are the rocks that are found on the moon.
- Scrunch up 10 pieces of tin foil to make little moon rocks, like the ones shown in this picture.
- Find a box or basket you would like to use as your target. This can be referred to as 'Space.' The bigger the opening, the easier it will be for your child.
- If possible, try and find a box which is up to your child's waist to ensure it is not too tall or too small.
- Make some numbered flashcards, numbered 1-5.



Main Activity:

- Count out three footsteps from your chosen target box, 'Space,' and use a piece of string, a cushion or anything you can find as a guide for your child to stand behind.
- To start, let your child practise throwing the moon rocks into 'space.'
- Ensure your child has slightly bent knees, holding the moon rock in one hand and pointing to the target with the other to help them with accuracy.
- Once your child has become confident in throwing, you can now introduce numbers.
- Lay the flashcards numbers face down on the floor. Start off by using numbers 1 and 2 only.
- Your child will turn one of these numbers over and have to correctly match the same amount of moon rocks. For example, if your child turns over number 2, they will need to take 2 out of their 10 pieces of moon rock.
- Throughout this activity, you can slowly introduce more numbers into the game.



Activity review:

How many moon rocks did you get into the box?

Move the box further away to make it more difficult and play the game again.

Mummy or Daddy could have 5 rocks and your child could have 5 rocks too. Take it in turns to throw them into 'Space' to introduce turn taking.

Additional ways to support your child:

- Give your child a larger target to aim for.
- Introduce your child to numbers 1 and 2.

Extension:

- Give your child a smaller target to aim for to make it more challenging.
- Introduce your child to numbers 1-5.

Moon rock

