Welcome to our Term 3 – 2nd Edition of Darebin Community Playgroups Newsletter. July is the month theme of ‘Science’.

BOOK OF THE WEEK

I Love you to the Moon and Back - is a rhyme book showing warm and gentle moments. This is a loving story to read before bedtime with your special little one.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4bfi4a2pung

SONG OF THE WEEK

Dingle Dangle Scarecrow - is an action song that allows children to use jumping and shaking movements.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CtRgy-8Q0SE&list=PLHmAAAna0scKDagUjzP1W5GOPlKZWD2VFD&index=8&t=0s
Science in July

Science experiments promote discovery and learning. It plays a crucial role in the ongoing intellectual development and curiosity of children. Children can be creative, test out ideas and explore the world around them while having fun.

Exploring Colours –

All you need is a tray, baking soda, white vinegar food colourings and droppers.

Fill the tray with baking soda, in an ice cube tray or containers place the vinegar and add the food colouring to it, as shown in the diagram. With the dropper place a few drops onto the baking soda and see what happens.

Children can be creative and explore the different colours. Oil and Water is very fascinating as oil and water do not mix together. Place water in a few different cups and add food colouring to the water. In another cup fill it half way with baby oil or vegetable oil. Now let the children explore and have fun watching.

For younger children you can place oil, food colouring that was in water, into a ziplock bag and place laying flat on a tray. The children can explore with their fingers and try to mix it together.

Ice painting and crayon/wax drawing -

Young children love to paint, in water add your food colouring, place in an ice tray with an icy pole stick and place in the freezer.

Once it has frozen the children can hold the sticks and paint patterns on a paper as the ice colour melts. With wax crayons, children can explore their creativity through drawing. In an ice tray place water with food colouring of you can use waterbase colour paint and paint over the picture, the picture with arise.
Melting and Magnets –

Create your own experiment tray you can place assorted items in the cupcake tray and place in the sun outside, set a timer of 15 minutes then see what items are starting to melt, you may want to set another timer after the 15 minutes, to see if anything changes. You can also do a magnet experiment with placing different objects in the tray to see which items stick to the magnet and which items do not. For younger children you can add magnetic and non magnetic items in an empty bottle and add ¾ of baby oil to the bottle. Glue the lid on the bottle and with a magnet stick you can move the items up and down the bottle.

Darebin Libraries Online Learning Resources

Darebin Libraries Online Digital learning is an available resource that caters for the whole family. The libraries for ‘Click and Collect’ services at Northcote and Reservoir has ceased during this second COVID-19 lockdown, further communications will be provided in the future in accordance with easing of restrictions.

COVID 19 Resources and Information

Due to the growing cases of coronavirus in Victoria, it has become mandatory to wear a mask when leaving your home. This legal requirement becomes effective from 11.59pm Wednesday 22nd July 2020. There are some exemptions to mandatory mask-wearing, which are:

⇒ Children under the age of 12 years are not required to wear a mask.
⇒ If you are in the car with a member from your household, you do not need to wear a mask in the car. However, you must wear a mask once getting out of the car. If you are in a car with a person not from your household, then you must wear a mask inside the car.
⇒ If you are doing strenuous exercise, such as jogging, running or cycling, you do not have to wear a mask. However, if you are going for a walk outside of your own property, you are required to wear a mask.

The COVID-19 quarantine restrictions directions are subject to change. As such, please regularly check the latest updates on Victoria’s COVID-19 quarantine restrictions at:


To assist children to understand the coronavirus and COVID-19 activity restrictions and COVID-19 virus testing procedures, please view this social story on video on the COVID-19 test for children:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z6joGL66cbQ&mc_cid=cd944bd029&mc_eid=899c3ab9c1 and https://www.autismlittlelearners.com/2020/05/coronavirus-test-story.html?mc_cid=cd944bd029&mc_eid=%5bUNIQID%5d&mc_cid=cd944bd029&mc_eid=899c3ab9c1

The Victorian Government DHHS has provided a short video on how to make your own face mask. Use the link below to access the video:

https://youtu.be/R1GZiOOkpgQ
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