The play theme for the month of July is ‘Science’.

BOOK OF THE WEEK
Where is the Green Sheep? by Mem Fox and Judy Horacek. This book involves many coloured sheep doing various activities while trying to find the green sheep.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xDv0J9V4kRI

SONG OF THE WEEK
There were 10 in the bed - is a fun counting song that allows children to use basic counting skills and rolling action movements.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TdDypyS_5zE
Science in July
Children are “hands-on” learners and the world around them provides many natural learning opportunities and “teachable moments”. Science helps children develop key life skills, including communication, problem solving and mathematical concepts. Most importantly science experiments are fun and exciting for children and adults alike. You can engage with your child and be creative by using materials from within your home doing simple scientific activities.

Balancing Scales, Weighing and Pouring

Using assorted materials and objects around your home, you and your child can make a creative scale machine with two cups and a clothes-hanger.

Add assorted items in the cups to see which items are heavy and which items are light.

Simple measurement and math activity is a fun way to introduce the concept of volume and encourages independent skills.

With 3 assorted height bottles or cups and 3 different sized clear containers, you can use a funnel and pour the water into the bottle. Once the bottles are filled, you can get the children to count how many times a bottle fits into a container. This is how they will learn the concept of volume.

Shadow drawing

Using different objects and sizes, children can draw around the shadow of the reflection of the objects. Children can also draw another family member by tracing their shadow reflection on the outside ground with chalk on the ground. Be creative and draw a funny face.
**Balloon Static Electricity**

Children are fascinated with balloons.

If you rub an inflated balloon a few times on your hair, it picks up the electrons and gets a negative charge. Opposites attract, so the negatively charged balloon can be attracted to objects with a positive charge. For example the balloon may stick to a nearby wall which has positive charges, or it might make water bend or move with the static electricity of the nearby balloon.

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**Darebin Libraries Online Learning Resources**

Darebin Libraries Online Digital learning is a very useful resource which caters for the whole family. Please stay tuned to further communications from Darebin Libraries about their resources and service modifications during this period by checking their website and social media posts for updates.

COVID 19 Resources and Information

Due to the growing cases of coronavirus in Victoria the COVID-19 quarantine restriction directions are subject to change. Please regularly check the latest updates on COVID-19 quarantine restrictions at:


It is important to look after your mental health during the COVID-19 pandemic, if you are feeling anxious or uncertain there are different support services available, these include:

Lifeline Australia – www.lifeline.org.au or call 13 11 14
Beyond Blue – http://coronavirus.beyondblue.org.au/ or call 1800 512 348
Headspace – www.headspace.org.au/eheadspace/ or call 1800 650 893

Play Learn Grow - text message program

This is a text message program offered by the Victorian Government, Education and Training Department.

It is designed to provide parents and carers with practical advice, easy activities and support for 2 year olds and three year olds learning development, health and well being.

For more information and/or to register go to:

Subscription to What’s on for Families eNewsletter

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