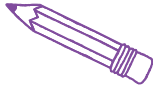


ACTIVITY TIME

Featured Stories Program

books
for
preschoolers



THE HOLE

By Kerry Brown and Lucia Masciullo

The Hole is a curious story about a squirrel who stumbles upon a dark, black hole. Wondering who might live down in the hole Squirrel leans in to take a peek, and soon a whole menagerie of animals join in to help her solve the mystery – who is living in the hole? *The Hole* is a hilarious story, with clever rhythm and rhyme, and will keep you guessing until the end!



Sensory box

You will need:

- You and your child
- A tissue box or pillowcase
- Items from around the house or garden. For example, a plastic cup, spoon, leaf, pinecone, a Duplo block, some fabric etc. Choose items of different shapes, sizes and textures.

What to do:

1. Put the items inside the empty tissue box or the pillow case
2. Take turns with your child to reach inside and feel an object
3. Using your sense of touch – Describe what can you feel? Is it soft, hard, bumpy or smooth?
4. Take a guess at what the item might be... are you right?

More ideas

Play sensory matching pairs. In a large tub or bucket add 2 of each item – 2 Duplo blocks, 2 toy cars, 2 crayons etc. and cover items with rice or sand. With your child, reach your hands in and feel for the 'matching' objects. Chat with your child while playing this game, talk about what you can feel, talk about shape and the texture. Can you feel and find two of the same objects?

STEM FOCUS

Sorting, gathering and classifying objects are important science skills. Playing games where you spend time looking at, touching and feeling and describing objects is an interesting and interactive way to help your child to build their vocabulary with lots of new and exciting describing words.

Songs to sing

If You're Happy and you Know It, *5 Little Speckled Frogs* and *Here is the Beehive*.

Key message

Children learn language by listening to it and using it.



Adult supervision is essential. Involve and talk with your child as much as possible.

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*You can introduce simple Science Technology, Engineering & Maths (STEM) concepts to children aged 2+ years through every day play.

