

Discovering

ART, MUSIC & DRAMA

Art, music and drama experiences stimulate both sides of a child's brain, and provides opportunity for social, emotional, physical and cognitive learning. These experiences increase attention, memory and concentration which all aid in further skill development such as reading and mathematics. Through art, music and drama experiences the body and mind work together.

EXPERIENCE

Autumn leaves poem

I'm a Tree

Autumn Leaves, in the breeze. Falling down on the ground. On my knees, in the leaves, rolling round on the ground. Look at me - I'm a tree, leaves all brown and falling down!

After reading the poem, look around your garden for leaves that have fallen. Talk about the colours and shapes. There are lots of creative ways to use objects from nature in an art experience. Take the leaves and a piece of paper and create a leaf rubbing. If you have some poster paint you can paint the back of the leaf and then press the leaf on the paper to make a print.

Age Group

3-5

YEARS

Or, if you have wax lunch wrap paper, fold it then place the leaves inside. An adult can then iron the paper together to make a bookmark or window decoration.

LEARNING

How is this supporting my child's learning?

Through creative and expressive activities, children have the opportunity to explore diverse ways to communicate their understanding of the world. Expressive experiences also support your child's wellbeing. Being creative with crayons or paint helps children to develop dexterity in handling art materials, also to learn how to handle more than one art medium at a time.

RESOURCES

What do I need?

Words of the poem I'm a Tree by Tony Bradman.