

ACTIVITY SHEET: Shiggly Shair by Laureen Johnson

Topics:

- My Home
- Houses and Homes

Will need:

- Junk material or play-dough for making models.
- Pictures of various types of chair for discussing, sorting etc. (*some provided*)
- Skittles, bottles, toys for testing stability.

Links to:

- Rock-a-by Baby
- Row da boats a Maelie (*Ditty Box*)
- Ride a cock horse

Shiggly shair Key Word List

shiggle	shake, wobble
shiggly	shaky, wobbly
shair	chair
bong	bang, thump
cuggle	rock, wobble
cuggly	inclined to rock or wobble
aff	off

Emotional, personal and social skills

1. - Look at sequence of pictures and discuss (expression in picture 4).
 - Can they predict the likely outcome? (For the child, for the chair.)
 - Is this how you should treat furniture?
 - Discuss sensible and safe behaviour.
2. Develop confidence through shared fun.

Parental involvement/Visits (to & from)

- Encourage child to recite poem at home.

Communication and language skills

1. - Listen with enjoyment as teacher reads/recites poem.
 - Discuss pictures
 - Talk about meanings of words
2. Respond to rhythm and rhyme.
3. Memorise and retell.
4. Anyone had similar real-life experience? Talk about it.
5. Have fun with language.

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Expressive and aesthetic skills

1. Use percussion instruments to illustrate the poem e.g. 2 tone wood block for rocking back and fore, guiro for creaking noises, drums etc for crash at the end.
2. Make furniture for dolls house (use junk, or play-dough)

Knowledge and understanding of the world

1. - Collect pictures of different types of chair – rocking chair, dining chair, arm chair, high chair etc and discuss.
 - Experiment with stability of various objects – toys, skittles etc.

Physical development and movement skills

1. Use bodies to re-enact the poem safely – rocking more and more vigorously until they fall over. (Use of gym mats would be advisable).

Focus learning outcomes

- Dialect vocabulary
- Response to rhythm and rhyme
- Prediction of out-come.