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National Day Nurseries Association

Factsheet



Finding Treasure

Wales

Finding Treasure – Darganfod Trysor

Introduction – Cyflwyniad

Dig up children's inner explorer with this investigative activity which promotes Welsh language development as well as gross and fine motor skills.

This is a great activity that will encourage children's natural curiosity and can be completed outdoors in a large sandpit, as well as indoors by using individual trays for each child.

Finding treasure is exciting and will feed the child's imagination. What will we find buried in the sand/**tywod**? Could there be jewels/**tlysau**? How many pieces of treasure/**trysor** will we find?

Learning outcomes

Develop language skills

Develop gross and fine motor skills

To promote the use of children's imagination

Colour recognition

Recognition of shape patterns and texture

Amcanion dysgu

Datblygu sgiliau iaith

Datblygu sgiliau echddygol bras a manwl

Hyrwyddo dychymyg y plant

Adnabod lliwiau

Adnabod siapiau a patrymau ac ansawdd

Resources

Sand tray/pit

Shells, jewels, brushes

Buckets, Tongs

Adnoddau

Pwll tywod/hambwrdd

Cregin, tlysau, rhaw

Brwsh, gefel

Activity outline - **Amlinell Gweithgaredd**

Find the treasure.

Encourage the children to find the treasure, what treasures will they find?

For outdoor sandpit and larger sandpits, you could use spades to support the use of gross motor skills; for indoors, individual sandpits could be used.

What have they found? See word bank and useful phrases below.

Discuss the pattern on the shells, the colour of the jewels and ask how do they feel?

Encourage the children to describe and talk about what they have discovered.

Fine motor skills – use a brush to gently brush the sand away and this will require a different movement with their fingers, hand and wrist.

Extension ideas – create a treasure map made by the children or from pictures taken to identify where each piece of treasure is hidden.

Word bank and useful phrases

Treasure

Colours

Shapes

Patterns

Sand

Shells

Jewels

Brush

Bucket

Hide

Seek

Spade

Find

Shall we find the treasure?

What is it?

Where is the . . . ?

How many do you have?

How many are there?

What shape is it?

Geirfa ac ymadroddion defnyddiol

Trysor

Lliwiau

Siapiau

Patrymau

Tywod

Cregin

Tlysau

Brwsh

Bwced

Cuddio

Chwilio

Rhaw

Darganfod/ffeindio (either word is fine)

Beth am ddarganfod y trysor/beth am ffeindio
y trysor?

Beth ydio?

Ble mae y . . . ?

Faint sydd gen ti?

Faint sydd yna?

Pa siap ydio?

What colour is it?

Pa liw ydio?

How does it feel?

Sut mae'n teimlo?

What does the pattern look like?

Be mae y patrwm yn edrych fel?

Hard

Caled

Soft

Meddal

Smooth

Esmwydd

Sharp

Miniog

Shiny

Disglair

Spotty

Smotyn

Wavy

Tonnog

Zigzag

Igam ogam

Further support

Motor skills Factsheet Wales <http://bit.ly/motor-skills-factsheet-wales>

Sensory treasure hunt <http://bit.ly/sensory-treasure-hunt-activity>

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