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Father's Day event

This activity celebrates the special male figures in children's lives through creating opportunities to share experiences together.

Learning aims

- Personal, social and emotional development
- Physical development
- People and communities
- Literacy
- Expressive arts and design.

Resources

- Mark making tools, paper
- Range of fruit juices, disposable cups (pieces of strawberries, cherries, etc and paper umbrellas - optional)
- Terracotta clay, leaves, twigs, googly eyes, feathers, acorns, etc.
- Den building resources, e.g. clothes airers, rope, tarpaulin, blankets, cushions, etc
- Range of familiar books.



Activity outline

1. Invite male relations who are significant for the children – dads, grandads, uncles - to the nursery
2. Set up areas for activities for the children and their guest – craft area, snack area, outdoor clay area and den building area
3. In the craft area, provide a range of mark making tools and paper. Here the children and adults can create images of each other. Display the two images together so the children can remember and talk about their shared experiences
4. In the snack area, have a range of fruit juices such as apple, orange, pineapple, red grape. Encourage the children to make a 'mocktail' for their guest by mixing two or three fruit juices together. Decorate with the fruit and umbrellas if desired
5. In the outdoor area, encourage the children and their special adult to create a 'boggart'. This is a clay face on a surface such as a tree, fence or wall. Take a ball of terracotta clay and squash it onto the surface. Work together to add leaves, twigs, googly eyes, feathers, etc. to create a crazy face

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6. Using a variety of resources such as clothes airers, tables, chairs, rope, tarpaulin, etc. children and their guests can work together to create a cosy den, inside or outside. Add some blankets and cushions and finish the session with the children and their guest snuggling up and reading together.

Extension ideas

- Add photos of the child and their special male relation to go with the images they created; use these to create a book once the display is removed
- Create a simple record of the mocktails they made and how much they liked them. Colour a template cup with the colours of the juice used, e.g. green, orange, red. Use smiley, straight, sad face icons to indicate how much they liked their invented drink.

Products to support you with this activity

- [Specialist Crafts Terracotta Clay](#) – Hope