



COMBINE MATERIALS & RESOURCES

TO CREATE AN IMMERSIVE PLAY SPACE!

## PLAY SPACE CARDS

### UNDER THE SEA

Combine crafts, literacy, natural, sensory and small world resources to create your very own ocean scene! To create this space, we used *The Sea, What, How, Why* book as a provocation. We created our waves using recycled cardboard and some Metallic A4 Scale Paper. We created our sea creature puppets using images glued onto straws, as well as some cardboard roll crabs!

We then mixed in a variety of our ocean themed products, like CollectA sea creatures, tactile shells, felt coral, wooden sea grass, gem stones, rocks, wooden sea creatures and shells. This collection of resources offers a whole range of textures for children to explore!

### LEARNING THEMES AND CONNECTIONS

- ➔ Ocean Discovery
- ➔ Nature Inquiry
- ➔ Cohabitation
- ➔ Sustainability
- ➔ Ecosystems
- ➔ Habitats

### PROMPTS & QUESTIONS

- \* What kind of animals live in the ocean, what do you know about them?
- \* What do you want to know about the ocean?
- \* How do you think animals in the ocean breathe?
- \* How can we take care of the ocean for all the sea creatures?

### EARLY YEARS LEARNING FRAMEWORK CONNECTIONS

- ➔ Learning Outcome 2.4: Children become socially responsible and show respect for the environment
- ➔ Learning Outcome 4.3: Children transfer and adapt what they have learned from one context to another
- ➔ Learning Outcome 5.2: Children engage with a range of texts and gain meaning from these texts
- ➔ Learning Outcome 5.5: Children use digital technologies and media to access information, investigate ideas and represent their thinking

## EXTENSION IDEAS

- \* Note down children's curiosities and questions, then use books and the internet to research and find the answers together.
- \* Discover with children the important roles of scientists in learning about the ocean, videos such as the below can be a great way to do this:

[Ocean Explorer: Katy Croff Bell | Best Job Ever | Nat Geo Kids](#)  
([Nat Geo Kids on YouTube](#)).

- \* Head out into the community to explore the beach or visit the Aquarium and provide children with real life experiences with what they are learning in the classroom.
- \* Engage children in craft experiences to create additional opportunities to spark conversation around the ocean or represent what they have learned!

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## RESOURCES

Here you'll find some of the resources we used to create our play space as well as some additional items to extend learning.



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