

ACTIVITY TIME

Garden Stew

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Garden Stew has great rhyme which makes it fun to read aloud. After a few reads your child may start to pick up the repeated phrase and say Let's make garden stew! Encourage them to join in and repeat it with you, as this is a great way for them to stay interested in the story, and to begin to see themselves as a reader. Talk about the action words and explain any words that are new to your child; sprinkle, pluck, stir, dash, pour, do the actions whilst saying the words.

You don't have to read the whole story, instead have fun exploring the pictures, which have lots of details to talk about.

Matching Petals Game

Your will need:

- Matching Petals Game template
- Scissors.

Instructions:

1. Cut out the individual petals
2. Have fun placing the individual petals on the flower
3. Talk about the different colours
4. Talk about the pattern sequence of orange, then pink, then orange, then pink.

STEM focus:

Patterns are everywhere around us and our brains are wired to notice patterns with their similarities and differences. Play with visual patterns to match colours and shapes, and give your child time to explore making their own pattern. Talk with them about their sequence of colours and shapes orange is first, then pink is second.

Songs to sing

Round and Round the Garden, Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush, and This Is My Garden finger rhyme (<https://youtu.be/DF1k-3-cibY>)

Key message

Children learn through being engaged and doing.



Adult supervision is essential. Involve and talk with your child as much as possible.



***You can introduce simple Science Technology, Engineering & Maths (STEM) concepts to children aged 2+ years through every day play.**

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