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Sensory

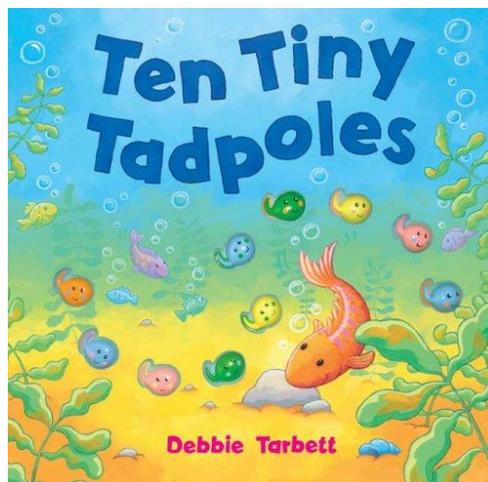


Learners

Monday 11th May

We have put together a selection of ideas for our more sensory learners related to our topic 'It's a Bug's Life'

Please use these either as additional activities to our weekly plan if you are looking for other play-based ideas or feel free to swap activities from the plan for these if they are better suited to your child's learning style.



This week we are looking at the book Ten Tiny Tadpoles by Debbie Tarbett. It can be found here on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FTUww7JTINA>

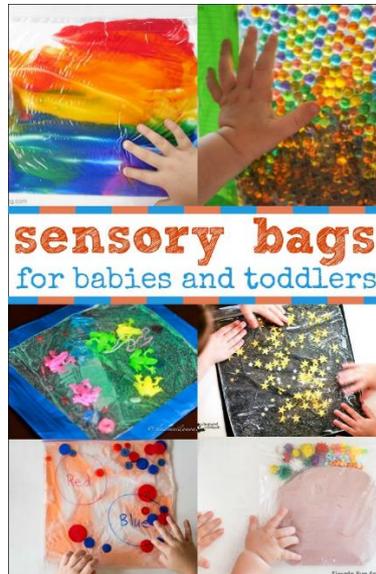
Useful links from YouTube:

Life Cycle of a Frog Song

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wGlc7KitJCA>

Activity 1: Sensory Bags

Explore different colours and textures in these exciting and creative sensory bags. They can be made using various items you will find around the home. Use simple language to say what you can see and feel.



Some great ideas can be found here: <https://www.messforless.net/sensory-bags-for-babies-and-toddlers/>

Activity 2: Frog Splashing Sensory Pond

Explore different textures, objects and insects in your own sensory pond.



Find a tray, fill with water and add whatever you have to make a sensory pond. You might like to put in various size stones and rocks, leaves and weeds, logs or sticks. Adding jelly would make good frogspawn too.

Activity 3: Exploring with frogs and coloured rice

Use coloured rice in your pond rather than water as a different texture. Add in toy frogs if you have them. If not, you could use the rice for scooping and pouring adding in containers such as yoghurt pots, small bottles (with or without a lid), jugs, spoons, funnels etc...



To make the coloured rice:

Put one cup of rice into a bowl, add 1 teaspoon of vinegar and a few drops of colouring. Mix with a spoon, adding more colouring a few drops at a time until you are happy with the colour. Spread the rice out on a baking tray to dry before playing with it. If you don't have vinegar adding a tiny amount of water will work too.

Activity 4: Tapioca Frogspawn

If you happen to have tapioca at home or are able to get hold of some easily it makes great frogspawn.



Soak the tapioca in room temp water overnight, so plan a day ahead. Once you've done this, simmer the tapioca pearls for 15 minutes in lots of water.

Use at least 5 times as much water as tapioca. The tapioca package will have basic instructions, but they are usually for pudding. You need more water. Once your 15 minutes is up, it will be a slimy, gooey mess. Rinse in warm water, transferring from the strainer to the mixing bowl several times, until the slimy goo is gone and you are left with translucent spheres that are about 1/4 inch in diameter.

Put them in a container and into the refrigerator to cool down. They will keep for 3 or 4 days.

Activity 5: Jelly Play

If you want to make it clear like frogspawn you could use gelatine in water but any type of jelly would be fine and nicer to eat as you play! You can set jelly in any type of container – rubber gloves, ice cube trays, yoghurt pots etc... Try adding in objects to find such as small toys, buttons or sequins (only if you're not going to eat the jelly though!)



Use words like slimy, slippery, gooey and squishy to describe the jelly as you play.