

Seasons – Summer

Suggested Craft & Activities Use bright & summery colours such as red, yellow, blue, green.	Suggested mat time ideas <i>Stories</i>	<i>Songs & games</i>	<i>Questions & discussion starters</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Make stensils of sea creature shapes eg fish, shells, boats, etc and paste onto a wall freeze or individual paper - Paste sand , shells,, seaweed and crab shapes, etc onto an egg carton top - Make boats from a plastic container, blu-tac, stick / straw, paper sail,etc - Photocopy or draw with a permanent pen some things you find at the sea or at the beach. One per page is quite effective. Children paste over the sea shapes, then sprinkle with dry sand. NOTE: some glitter in the sand gives a sparkly effect. - Use light cardboard or thick paper to create a ‘fishy’ shape mobile. Cut out the shape and also along the line to the middle. Dimensions are about 220mm X 110mm. Stick stickers on the shape or colour with textas and crayons. Fold the tail pieces over each other and join with a staple. Punch a hole and attach a string to hang it .Intersperse the fish shapes with bubble wrap strips or crepe paper for a great mobile. 	<p>SHOW pictures of summer and show some different shells and talk about what you see.</p> <p>Storybooks – ‘Fishy things’ ‘Grug at the Beach’</p> <p>Use cut out beach objects to ask children ‘what is at the beach ‘ and ‘what do we take to the beach’ , and allow children to place the objects on a picture board.</p>	<p>Songs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Here is the sea, the wavy sea..... - 12345 once I caught a fish alive... - A sailor went to sea sea sea..... - Two little boats.. <p>Games</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Allow children to inspect shells in a sand tray - Magnetic fishing game 	<p>Ask questions like – ‘All these creatures live in the sea – what are they called?’</p> <p>Say something like – ‘ God created lots of different creatures to live in the sea. God cares for the sea because He made it for the creatures that live there and for us’</p>

These suggested program ideas can be used over a number of weeks in your playgroup term. Go to www.cpn.org.au/playgroup-program-ideas/ for the resource pages that have the step by step descriptions of some of these program ideas.