

The 50 things app can benefit children in the setting and home learning environment. In addition to supporting and strengthening working with parents, the activity ideas and information make planning easy.

Sea and Sand – an example of planning opportunities

A trip to the seaside is a memorable experience and can provide lifelong memories. Children begin to learn about the sights, sounds and smells of different places. Some children will not have experienced the seaside. The importance of knowing your children is central to planning experiences that will build on what children already know. Only then can you begin to create, recreate, and engage in meaningful conversations and experiences.



Invite parents to a beach party or pirate fund day which will enable you to share the app, talk about the experience you are offering and the benefits to their child's development. Have the app on devices so that parents can explore it. Encourage them to download it on their own devices. [ensure you risk assess if parents are downloading this on phones whilst in the setting].



STORY IDEAS

Spot Goes on Holiday (Eric Hill)
Kipper's Beach Ball (Mick Inkpen)
Octopants (Suzy Senior)
The Seashore (Victoria Munsen)

SONGS TO SING

We're all going on a Summer Holiday
Row, Row, Row your Boat
I do Like to be Beside the Seaside
1,2,3,4,5 Once I Caught a Fish Alive

Share books and photos with the children which will introduce sea and sand and prompt children to talk about their own experiences. An excellent opportunity to add and extend on vocabulary.

Create a mini seaside indoors and outdoors complimented with books and mark making resources.

You could make resources together. Ask parents to bring resources and photos in which can be shared with all the children.



Shared adventures help to **develop children's self-confidence and self-esteem**, whilst providing rich **opportunities to learn new words in a meaningful way**.

Simple role play areas and small world play provides children with **opportunities to recreate their experiences, learn new things and explore their feelings and emotions whilst making connections with their world and the world of others**.