

The Hairdressing Aistear Planning

Junior/Senior Infants

Construction

Children are informed that there is a new hair salon opening in their local area. The children are asked to construct their own model hair salon, using junk art materials including cardboard, plastic bottles, straws, building blocks, etc. The children must come up with a name for their hair salon and must present their completed model to other children in the group/class.

Key Language focus will be placed on the process needed to design and make the hair salon, and what furniture and equipment the hair salon will need, e.g. wash basin, stool, chair, blow-drier, etc.

Playdough Station

Ask pupils to make common hairdresser instruments and utensils using the playdough such as hairbrushes, scissors, mirrors, etc.

Key language focus will be on identifying and describing the instruments made, e.g. straight, crooked, zigzagged, narrow, fat, etc.

Art 'n' Craft

The children are given doll head mannequins and are instructed to create a new hairstyle for the dolls using a selection of materials including string, fabric and fibre, paper, etc.

Teacher can organise a class/group competition to see which child comes up with the best lifelike junk art hair style.

Engage in a classroom discussion on different types of hair - long hair, short hair, curly hair, etc.

Small World Area

Using the large floor map and mini figurines, the children could put their hairdressers plans in a mini-world-like environment. In pairs or small groups, the children could track people coming to and from the hairdressing salon, comparing and contrasting what they look like before and after leaving the salon.

Materials needed: Small figures, place mat, small cardboard buildings, mini shopping bags, etc.

Role Play Area

The Hairdressers: Children go into role acting out various scenarios and roles inside a teacher-constructed role play centre, on a busy working day in a hairdressing salon. Teacher may benefit by going into role as a person who comes to the childrens' salon, looking for a new haircut.

Materials needed: The Hairdressers Aistear pack, role cards, planning maps, etc.