

Activity Idea

Activity	Mystery Christmas Items
Main Focus	Shape

Activity Plan

Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selection of different Christmas items (baubles, small presents, tinsel, stars, reindeer, Father Christmas toys, snowflakes etc.) • Sack or box with a lid
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Activity	<p>Put the items in the box or sack. Show this to the children and ask them what they think is in it.</p> <p>Ask a child to put their hand in and pick an object. Without removing it from the box/sack ask them what it feels like. What shape is it? What texture is it? What do they think it is? When they have made their guesses ask them to pull it out and see if it matches what they thought. Place the item on the floor for later.</p> <p>Repeat this with the rest of the children until they have all had a turn or there are no more items left in the bag.</p> <p>Show the children the objects that have been pulled out. Ask the children what they have in common and encourage them to sort them in different ways. Can they sort them by shape, size, texture, colour etc.</p>
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Extension Opportunities	<p>Once the items have been sorted you could encourage the children to count how many items are in each group. Which group has the most? Which has the least? If we move two from this group, how many will be left?</p>
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