

SENSORY SEASCAPE

playspace card

Dive into our Sensory Seascape, an enchanting Playspace where children explore the ocean's magic through sensory activities. Enjoy the tactile delight of cotton sand with ocean-themed resources like shells and sensory stones that create sea creature imprints, inspired by the book "Neptune's Nursery" by Kim Michelle Toft and Allen Sheather. Below, a mesmerising light panel illuminates glittering jellyfish, creating an underwater ambiance. This Playspace offers a serene ocean adventure, fostering a deeper appreciation for the ocean's beauty.

CREATING THIS SPACE we've got you covered

Browse a curated list of everything we used to create this space on our website!

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Whether you're topping up your own resource collection or want to purchase the whole Playspace, Bellbird has you covered!

PLAYSPACE BUNDLES what's included?

- ➔ Purchase all the resources used to put this Playspace together so you can set it up in your own space and style!

Sensory Seascape Playspace - Resources (SKU 110061U)

- ➔ Purchase everything you need to create this exact set-up in your space, including the Hex Play House, Light Panel and all resources!

Sensory Seascape Playspace - Resources & Hex Playhouse (SKU 110061T)

*Please note that the photography does not show all items from the resource sets. Purchasing this Playspace includes complete sets beyond those displayed.

OUR HERO PIECES in this space

- ➔ EC Sensory Cotton Sand 5kg - Natural (SKU 112980)
- ➔ Let's Roll - Ocean Life (SKU 113297)
- ➔ Let's Investigate Tactile Stones - Seashore (SKU 113321)
- ➔ Papoose Lucite Shells & Urchins - 7pcs (SKU 116749)
- ➔ Round LED Light Panel 600mm (SKU 133320)
- ➔ Wooden Sea Life Blocks - 15pcs (SKU 133384)
- ➔ Giinagay Gaagal, Hello Ocean - Hardcover Book (SKU 134733)
- ➔ Neptune's Nursery - Paperback Book (SKU 134749)



Flip over the page for links to the EYLF, Planning Cycle and Implementation/Extension tips



Take some of the guess work out of the 'why' behind the 'what' and let the Bellbird Playspace cards help guide you to create engaging and meaningful learning opportunities.



THE BIGGER THOUGHTS

learning themes and connections



Wondering what topics and themes you might see children exploring whilst engaging in this playspace? Check out some relevant learning themes here:

- ➔ Sensory Play
- ➔ Marine Life
- ➔ Caring for the Ocean
- ➔ Ocean Exploration
- ➔ Habitats
- ➔ Ecosystems

PROMOTING THINKING DURING PLAY

engaging with children



Help children to think deeper about the topics you're exploring by engaging with them during play, use open-ended questions to challenge and develop children thoughts and ideas about what they're learning. You could ask children:

- ➔ If you could be any sea creature for a day, which one would you choose and why would you want to explore the ocean as that creature?
- ➔ How do you imagine the ocean sounds when you're swimming under the waves, what kinds of sounds remind you of the ocean?
- ➔ What do you think lives at the bottom of the ocean, and how do you think they find their food in the dark water?

LINKING TO THE LEARNING BEHIND PLAY

possible links to the early years learning framework



You might find children engaging in the follow learning outcomes from EYLF:

- ➔ Learning Outcome 2.1: Children develop a sense of connectedness to groups and communities and an understanding of their reciprocal rights and responsibilities as active and informed citizens
- ➔ Learning Outcome 4.4: Children resource their own learning through connecting with people, place, technologies and natural and processed materials

EXTENDING PLAY: WHERE TO NEXT

extension ideas and prompts for continued inquiry



- ➔ Explore the impact that humans are having on the ocean with children and discuss how we can help protect the ocean.
- ➔ Explore environmental sustainability and connections between humans, plants, land, sea and animals.
- ➔ Start a class project and have children take photos of what they see when they next go to the beach, create a photo album for the class to reflect on.
- ➔ Extend your ocean inquiry with children and learn all about Australia's Great Barrier Reef through videos such as: [Explore the Great Barrier Reef](#) 🐠 [Coral Reef Adventure by Boat Oliver and Lucas](#) (Educational Videos for Kids on YouTube)

EVALUATING EXPERIENCES

prompts for critical reflection



- ➔ What worked well and why? What will I do differently next time?
- ➔ What feedback did children give, and how can I include their voices in future experiences?

MORE INSPIRATION

Want some more guidance and ideas on engaging environments? We've got you covered!



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