

Let's Explore



Early childhood is a time when children are curious about the world around them. Children are very keen to discover and invent new ideas as they play with familiar objects and toys at home.

Let's Explore focuses on the joy of discovering. Join the *Play School* presenters as they explore all of the amazing things that can be found when we venture a bit further and look a little closer. This series will spark imaginative play, enriched by everyday objects, extended vocabulary and endless possibilities.

Plus, we see children embark on their own adventures through the windows. Watch as they explore the Jenolan Caves, an observatory, a museum and local neighbourhoods including Sydney's Cabramatta!

Episode 1



PRESENTERS

Zindzi Okenyo & Teo Gebert

PIANIST

Peter Dasent

STORY

The Man With Messy Hair

Author & Illustrator: Pamela Allen

Publisher: Penguin Group / Viking

FILM

Exploring Our Neighbourhood
(Play School, ABC)

IDEAS FOR LATER

- Grow your own Hairy Man. Place an eggshell in an eggcup. Add cotton wool, sprinkle alfalfa seeds and water carefully. Watch your Hairy Man grow bigger each day.
- Create a family portrait by drawing all the members of your family. How many different hairstyles can you draw?
- Have fun experimenting with keys and locks. Can you find all the matching pairs?

SONGS

Hello My Friends

Composer: Traditional (French)

Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

Here's A House

Composer: John Fox & Warren Carr

Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

How Many People Live In Your House

Composer: Lucille Wood

Publisher: Chambers Harrap

Hair

Composer: Jill Darby

Publisher: Longman Group UK Ltd

The Man On The Flying Trapeze

Composer: George Leybourne / Gaston Lyle

Publisher: Public Domain

By The Light Of The Silvery Moon

Composer: Gus Edwards / Edward Madden

Publisher: Public Domain



MAKE AND DO



How to Make a Garden for a House

You will need:

- Ribbon
- Patty cake liners
- 1 egg carton
- Twigs with leaves
- Cardboard house

Instructions:

Find a good spot for your cardboard house. Make sure there is plenty of space in front to build your garden.

Cut a length of ribbon and place outside the front door to create a garden path.

Add colourful flowers by placing patty cake liners alongside the garden path.

Separate an egg carton into two layers. Insert twigs into each eggcup to create leafy green trees.

How to Make a Wig Shop

You will need:

- Wool
- Metal washing scrubber
- Shredded foil

Instructions:

Wool wig:

Cut 13 long pieces of wool. Tie the wool pieces together in the middle. Does your wig look like Jemima's?

Washing scrubber wig:

Find a clean metal scrubber. Carefully stretch over the head of your toy to fit. Have a look at Little Ted's wig for inspiration.

Foil wig:

To make a long shiny wig, tie together thin strands of foil.

Your Fabulous Hairdos wig shop is now ready to open! Have fun trying all of the wigs on your favourite toys.

Episode 2



PRESENTERS

Zindzi Okenyo & Luke Carroll

PIANIST

Peter Dasent

STORY

Hello From Nowhere

Author: Raewyn Caisley

Illustrator: Karen Blair

Publisher: Penguin Group / Viking

FILM

Car Ride to Jenolan Caves

(Play School, ABC)

IDEAS FOR LATER

- Do you have a garden? Create garden signs out of paper. Add arrows and words using colourful textas.
- Make a yummy smoothie using fruit. Can you name all of your favourite fruits?
- What kinds of animals live on a farm? Make farm animals using balls of wool. Add pipe cleaners for furry ears and tails.

SONGS

Driving In The Car

Composer: Peter Dasent & Sophie Emtage

Publisher: Origin / Control

Watermelon

Composer: Arthur Baysting & Peter Dasent

Publisher: Origin

Mixing Song

Composer: Arthur Baysting & Peter Dasent

Publisher: Origin / ABC Music Publishing

It's So Nice To Have A Cuddle

Composer: Sandy Tobias-Offenheim

Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

The Man On The Flying Trapeze

Composer: George Leybourne & Gaston Lyle

Publisher: Public Domain

Big Adventure (Going On A)

Composer: Arthur Baysting & Peter Dasent

Publisher: Origin / ABC Music Publishing



MAKE AND DO



How to Make a Woolly Town

You will need:

- Wool
- Woollen gloves, mittens, tea cosy, beanies, socks
- Cardboard tubes, small recycled cardboard boxes
- Texta

Instructions:

To make a woolly person, draw a face onto a cardboard tube. Don't forget to add lots of woolly hair.

Make a woolly building by placing a beanie, tea cosy or sock over a cardboard box. You can make all sorts of buildings including houses, shops and schools.

Place your woolly people and woolly buildings together. Your woolly town is now ready to go!

How to Make a Watermelon cake

You will need:

- Half seedless watermelon
- Coconut cream
- 2 teaspoons icing sugar
- 2 drops vanilla essence
- Blueberries
- Raspberries
- Sliced kiwi fruit

Instructions:

Place coconut cream, icing sugar and vanilla in a mixing bowl.

Mix until thick.

Cut and peel the watermelon to make a circle.

Spread the coconut cream icing over the watermelon.

Add blueberries, raspberries and kiwi fruit to decorate.

Cut the watermelon cake into slices and enjoy your yummy treat!

Episode 3



PRESENTERS

Rachael Coopes & Teo Gebert

PIANIST

Peter Dasent

TOLD STORY

Mrs Kafoops and her Mysterious Cat

A story told from The New Useful Book, ABC

FILM

Exploring Cabramatta

(Play School, ABC)

IDEAS FOR LATER

- Pretend to be elephant. Put a long sock on one arm to form a trunk. Stomp around and make loud elephant noises.
- Make a train out of a basket. Add wheels by taping on milk bottle lids or paper plates. Use your toys as passengers and go on an adventure.
- Where would you like to explore? Draw a picture and include all of the things you would like to discover.

SONGS

Good Morning

Composer: Margaret Graham & Jean McKinley
Publisher: Unknown (From book 'Dance & Sing')

Friends All Together

Composer: Peter Dasent & Sophie Emtage
Publisher: Origin / Control

I'm A Train

Composer: M. Hazelewood & A. Hammond
Publisher: Chrysalis

Cleaning

Composer: M. Sullivan & C. Adams

Let Me See You Do The...

Composer: Genevieve Jereb
Publisher: Gellybean Records

The Black Cat

Composer: Mary Britton-Miller & M. Bartholomew
Publisher: Silver Burdett

The Man On The Flying Trapeze

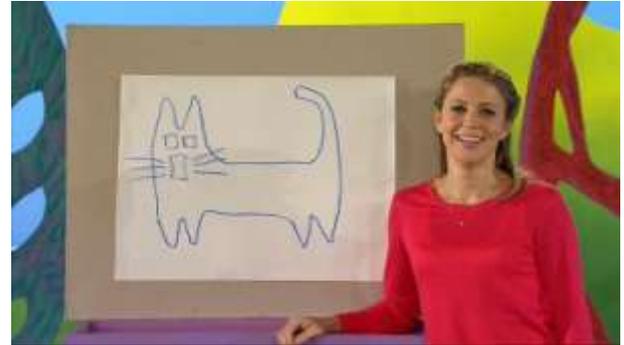
Composer: George Leybourne & Gaston Lyle
Publisher: Public Domain

Twinkle Twinkle Little Star

Composer: Traditional
Publisher: ABC Music Publishing



MAKE AND DO



How to Make an Explorer's Machine

You will need:

- Large cardboard box
- 3 x A4 cardboard pieces
- Small lids, large lids, strong glue
- Small cardboard box

Instructions:

To make a control panel, take a piece of A4 cardboard and glue on a range of lids. The lids will become the Explorer's Machine buttons. Make a total of three control panels.

Cut out the sides of your large cardboard box.

Fix two control panels on each side of your large cardboard box.

Stick the last control panel on the small box and place in front.

Sit inside your Explorer's Machine, press the start button and explore away!

How to Make a Drawing Story

You will need:

- Paper
- Textas

Instructions:

Use your imagination to make up a story.

While you tell your story draw the outline of an object that relates to your tale.

Make sure each line of your picture represents a different part of the story.

At the end of the story your drawing will be complete. How many drawing stories can you think of?

Episode 4



PRESENTERS

Leah Vandenberg & Teo Gebert

PIANIST

Peter Dasent

TOLD STORY

Bus To The Beach

A story told by the Play School team

FILM

Visiting the Observatory

(Play School, ABC)

IDEAS FOR LATER

- Explore what is in your backyard. Make an Explorer's Bag for your adventure. Don't forget to pack crayons, paper and a magnifying glass to help you discover all the exciting things you find.
- Make a trail mix for your next bush walk. You might like to include sultanas, banana chips, seeds and other tasty treats.
- Pretend to be a space explorer. Go outside at night and discover all the twinkly stars in the sky.

SONGS

Bags

Composer: Don Spencer

I Like To Eat

Composer: Traditional

Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

The Man On The Flying Trapeze

Composer: George Leybourne & Gaston Lyle

Publisher: Public Domain

Twinkle Twinkle Little Star

Composer: Traditional

Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

The Wheels On The Bus

Composer: Traditional

Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

Highway Number One

Composer: Gary King

Publisher: ABC Music Publishing



MAKE AND DO



How to Make an Imagination Card Game

You will need 3 piles of cards:

- Animals: elephant, dog, cow
- Location: moon, beach, circus
- Action: eating, brushing teeth, driving

Instructions:

Organise your imagination cards into three piles.

Turn over one card from each pile and act out the picture. For example, an elephant, on the moon, eating ice cream!

Remember to make lots of sounds and actions as clues.



How to Make Planet Bling

You will need:

- Planets: balloons, wool, string
- Large piece sparkly fabric
- Sparkly cushions
- Headdress 1: silver pipe cleaners, googly eyes, silver foil hair
- Headdress 2: square ice cream container covered in foil

Instructions:

Lay out one large piece of sparkly fabric on the floor.

To make planets, decorate balloons with colourful wool and string

Hang your planets up using string.

Headdress 1: add silver pipe cleaners and googly eyes to a silver foil wig.

Headdress 2: cover a square ice cream container in foil then add pipe cleaners and googly eyes.

Dress up in your sparkly headwear and explore Planet Bling!

Episode 5



PRESENTERS

Michelle Lim Davidson & Luke Carroll

PIANIST

Peter Dasent

STORY

A River

Author & Illustrator: Marc Martin
Publisher: Penguin Group / Viking

FILM

Ferry Ride to the Museum

Play School, ABC

IDEAS FOR LATER

- Collect seed pods and leaves to make a boat. Float your boat on water and sing *Row Row Row Your Boat*.
- Can you mix different colour paints? Experiment by blowing paint through a straw.
- Go on a city walk. Listen to all the different sounds in the city. Can you make the sound of a car? A busker? Or a water fountain?

SONGS

The Man On The Flying Trapeze

Composer: George Leybourne & Gaston Lyle
Publisher: Public Domain

Walking In The City

Composer: Ann North & Martin Wesley-Smith

Twinkle Twinkle Little Star

Composer: Traditional
Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

Like A Leaf Or Feather

Composer: Traditional
Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

Row Row Row Your Boat

Composer: Traditional
Publisher: ABC Music Publishing

How Many Raindrops

Composer: Trudi Behar
Publisher: Bowmar

Dinosaur Roar

Composer: Arthur Baysting / Peter Dasent / Justine Clarke
Publisher: Origin / Control

Living In The City

Composer: Val Donlon
Publisher: ABC Music Publishing / Mushroom Music



MAKE AND DO



How to Make a River Painting

You will need:

- Large sheet paper
- Diluted blue paint
- Large plastic eye dropper
- Plastic straw

Instructions:

Fill an eye dropper with watery blue paint.

Drop the paint onto your paper and gently blow through a plastic straw.

Watch as the paint moves across the paper like a river.



How to Make a Water Fountain

You will need:

- Large water tray
- Step ladder or graded steps x 3
- 3 x small plastic trays
- 6 x takeaway containers
- Water
- Watering can

Instructions:

Set up a step ladder with a large water tray at the base.

Place plastic trays on each step.

Angle and secure plastic trays using tack.

Fill up your watering can with water.

Pour water from the top container.

Watch the water splash and tumble down.

Listen to all the different noises your water fountain makes.