

Playgroup: Metal

January to March 2018



Week One and Two:

Encounters with Metal

Week Three and Four:

Clink, Chink and Clatter -
The Sounds that Metal Makes

Week Five and Six:

Interacting with Metal from Real Life

Week Seven and Eight:

Metal Meets Natural Resources

Week Nine and Ten:

Metal, Light and Reflection

Week Eleven and Twelve:

The Possibilities of Metal and Magnets

Inspiration: Metal

This weekly Playgroup series takes children on a voyage through the multiple possibilities offered to us through exploring the world of metal.

From some initial encounters with metal materials and objects, children will be taken on a journey of discovery, utilising their sense of sound, sight, touch and smell.

When children wonder within their own community, they will see and experience metal used in a multitude of ways, supporting our daily life in one way or another. This playgroup offers an opportunity for children to connect with the world through real-life, meaningful objects, manipulating them in different ways and exploring beyond their initial understanding of the materials.

Children will discover the different properties of metal and parents will gain further understanding about how open-ended materials such as metal can be used to support children's learning and development. Through inviting, open-ended and meaningful provocations and experiences, families will explore metal and its relationships, deepening their knowledge and understanding of the possibilities that metal brings.

Our Atelier Facilitators will extend children's experiences each week, whilst offering opportunities to repeat some of the experiences. This supports the development of a sense of security and connection throughout the programme and also a chance to re-test our theories and deepen our initial understandings.

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