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Objective

To learn how to give and receive presents at a party.

Resources

www.themouseclub.co.uk story 'Red Mouse's birthday party' or 'Halloween' story in the mouse tales section on the site. Copies of activity sheet 1.

Preparation

Read a story from the website (see above) or 'Alfie Gives a Hand' by Shirley Hughes.

Early Learning Goals

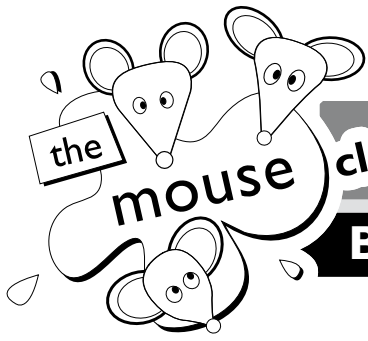
- **Personal, social & emotional development:** Talk about giving and receiving presents. Discuss what you should say when a present is received - remind children of when to use please and thank you. Take turns to talk about favourite presents. In circle time pass a smile round the circle.
- **Communication, language & literacy:** Listen to each other. Write a special birthday message to a friend or teddy. All children can make their mark and sign one large card. Alternatively use activity sheet 1 to make individual cards.
- **Mathematical development:** Make a simple graph showing birthdays in the group. Talk about the months of the year.
Decorate a cake with candles. Count the candles. Light the candles and blow them out. How many blows did it take?
- **Knowledge and understanding of the world:** Show curiosity about how other families celebrate birthdays and how they give and receive presents.
- **Physical development:** Engage in activities requiring hand/eye co-ordination - make some simple fairy cakes for a party. Use Roly's recipe for Blue Mouse cakes in the secret club section of the mouse club. Design invitations - cut out pictures from magazines or comics and glue onto paper or card.
- **Creative development:** Make individual cards using www.themouseclub.co.uk in the activities section. Make simple cards by dropping runny paint onto card or paper and blow through straws in any direction. Use different coloured paint.
Design wrapping paper with shapes or hands dipped into paint and print repeat patterns.

Activity

Make birthday hats using a selection of sticky paper and different textures, cut or torn and glued onto a long sheet of paper. Measure each child's head and sellotape paper together. Sit in a circle and sing Happy Birthday to a child or teddy.

Links with Home

Collect old cards, cut out different pictures and glue to folded card or paper to make hello cards to send to a friend or a member of the family.



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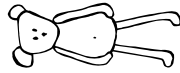
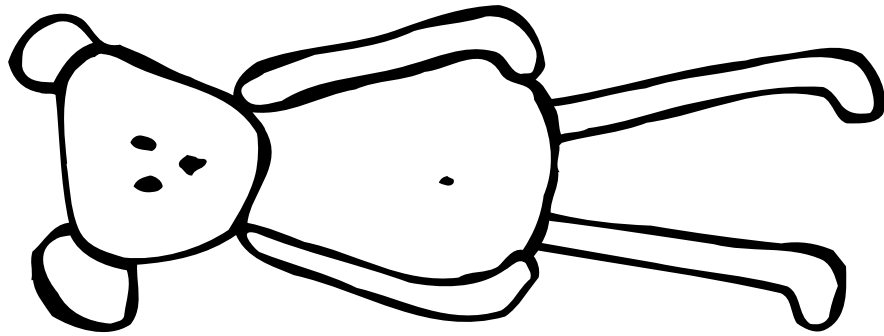
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Early Years Lesson Plan

Birthday Presents

Activity Sheet 1

Happy Birthday



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