

Saguaro (Cactus) Cowboy hats and neckscarves

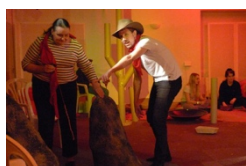
Environment Large carpet tube cactus with spaghetti, red cloth floor, penne and spaghetti, bowls and tambours, varying lengths of carpet tube drilled with holes for penne, scoobies for threading. Long carpet tube railway lines, raised on trestles, smaller lengths for cross slats, boomwhackers and thinner tubes. Electric fans and allium seed heads for tumbleweed, wind sound effect. Rainsticks. Leis flowers, plastic flowers hidden in tubes. Guitar and harmonicas, choc finger treats.



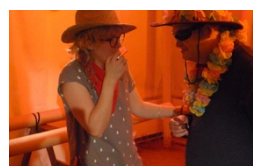
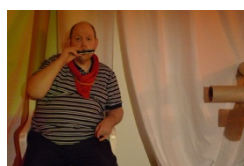
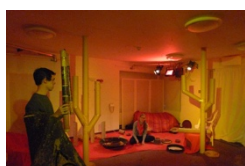
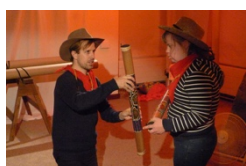
Saguaro Play with the pasta of different thicknesses, inserting in cactus and carpet tube lengths, rolling around bowls/tambours, hearing different sounds, making patterns, pouring through tubes, threading to make necklaces, spinning strings.



Railway Help each other to clear heavy rocks, pushing/pulling. Roll smaller lengths down railway lines and back, watch it move, hear the 'train' rhythms it makes as it rolls along. Add boomwhackers and begin hammering rails - develop a work rhythm, playing together, use some lengths on floor, or upstanding - playful/fun.



Storm Hear the wind as it howls around the desert, see/catch tumbleweed as it rolls swiftly along, add rainsticks to create a summer storm, which in turn encourages the flowers to appear all over the ground. Play with the tube flowers as they pop in and out. Time for a rest, play harmonicas and sing together as the sun goes down.



Observations Pasta provided a good tactile resource, though' penne was easier and more rewarding than thin spaghetti. Raising the railway tracks made it more accessible to everyone, especially wheelchair users. Tubes and boomwhackers are good not only for fun rhythm making/work activities, but also for calling/listening and looking through. Tumbleweed looked good but could have done with more and another floor based fan. Rainsticks changed the ambience well. Many clients succeeded in playing harmonicas and enjoyed their success!

