

Seaside (Sunglasses and sunhats)

Environment Sandy beach, waves and seagulls sound effects + windshields, towels on chairs, buckets/spades, shells, trays, rakes. Beachballs, bats and balls. Punch + Judy stand, boy puppet (+croc/princess as back-up). Sea projection, rubber rings, goggles. Picnic blanket, biscuits and drink.



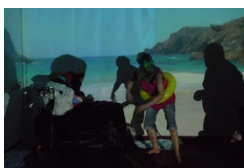
Beach Play on the beach, make footprints in the sand, bury fingers and toes, make patterns with rakes and shells, gather shells in buckets, feel dry/wet sand, make sandpies, see sand pouring over hands, into buckets, onto trays. Play ball games on the beach - see them spin and roll, bounce, throw and kick them to each other, look through them, tap and pat them. Have some fun!



Punch and Judy The show begins and Billy appears. He's come to the seaside on his holidays and is looking for friends. Say hello, shake his hand, feel his hair, show him how to play, lend him your hat/shades. Participants can animate puppets too if enjoyed - croc and princess are available - usually end up kissing!



Swimming Dip your toes in the waves (projection) Put on rubber rings and goggles and go swimming in the water - it's a bit chilly, splash and kick your legs as you jump, dive and swim. Then towel yourselves dry, spread out the blankets and enjoy a picnic before the tide comes in. Pack up your things and head home.



Observations As always, sand is a multisensory resource enjoyed by most people. but it is really good for encouraging 'play' for those who are usually loathe to get their hands dirty! A variety of activities can be enjoyed; burying, pouring, collecting, building, making sounds. Puppet show was a fun activity - 'Billy' being non-threatening, familiar and with a big mouth into which many like to put their fingers! More able participants enjoy animating puppets themselves. The sounds of the sea, smell of suncream and visual effects created a real seaside ambience

