

Temping in Tokyo

In Tokyo, there's lots of sushi to be made...rice, vegetables, noodles all to be prepared. Watch the fish swim by in the tanks, before visiting the aquarium for an underwater adventure...

Environment

Create a sushi bar environment by projecting images of fish tanks on walls. Arrange tables set with a variety of items:

- Silver bowls and plastic/bamboo containers of sushi rice, rice noodles, lentils, chopped coloured peppers, cucumber, white paper plates and chopsticks
- Coloured cake cases
- Neon fish
- Trays of orange/white face-paints
- Wobble eyes

In another area, create a giant fish tank by hanging strips of different coloured, textured plastic and rope bells as seaweed. In the 'tank' have:

- Fish puppets and fish on sticks
- Large metallophone
- Dulcimers
- Xylophones and shimmer
- Giant Nemo air fish (remote controlled balloon)

Costume - Aprons and Headbands

Music - There are lots of choices here that will all give a slightly different feel to the sushi bar. Check out the classic *Koto Music* by Kimio Eto, an authentic sound which would give a slightly strident feeling, whereas music similar to *Green* or *Wetland* by ambient composer Hiroshi Yoshimura will sit more in the background.

Activities

Sushi Chefs - The Head Chef calls you to work. He's busy chopping vegetables for the sushi. Explore the textures, sounds, smells of rice and vegetables. Sprinkling, pouring into containers, rolling round in bowls. Make sushi 'cakes' with rice, vegetables and neon fish. Play containers with chopsticks, listening to different sounds as you 'chop' and tap the implements.

Fish - Use orange face paint to print your own fish on plates, arms, hands, legs. Add the wobbly eyes.

In the tank - Take your fish to the giant fish tank and swim through the seaweed and bells, feeling the textures and meet the fish puppets. Dance the fish on sticks and play watery music on the metallophones.

Nemo - A giant fish swims out of the tank and circles the space. Greet him, touch him and watch as he moves gracefully to and fro, before returning to his watery home. Enjoy rice cakes together before the sushi bar closes.

Links

Rice (Prop)

Vis Art (Activity)

Video

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