Venice

Artefact: Sailing Ship Costume: Red neckerchiefs

Environment: Low End - Luigi with his market stall. Pole arches and bamboo poles with red crepe stripes. Herbs, coffee, parmigiana, peppercorns, olives etc to smell, feel and taste. Pasta of all shapes, sizes and colours in wooden bowls, small bowls for pouring. Playdoh, boards, rolling pins, cutters, drying rack. Marco Polo character. High End - striped bamboo poles, sails, hanging reds, electric fans, wind machine, rainsticks and ocean drums, red streamers, white poi. Video projection of red chiffon.



Bonjourno Meet Luigi, feel, smell and taste his wares; oregano, basil, coffee, olives etc. Find the pasta and play with different shapes/colours, pour into wooden bowls, shake in tambours, sort and make patterns, bury hands and feet. Make more pasta with coloured playdoh - squish it in fingers, pat and roll, feel and smell it, flatten with rolling pins, cut out shapes, roll sausages, tomatoes, pizzas, decorate with coloured pasta and herbs. Place on drying rack.











Marco Polo arrives to buy provisions, then leads you to the quay side. Gondolier to the ship with rainsticks and ocean drums. Heave in the anchor with thick rope, play taking weight, heave - ho, pulling wheelchairs with ropes, hoist the sails and away we go.

On the High Seas Hear the wind blow - wind machine, electric fans blow all around you, as the ocean drums roll. See streamers and poi float and flutter as the breeze swirls around the space. Drop the red chiffon sails and watch them as they dance and twirl in the breeze with projection reflecting their movements











Observations The multisensory market stall was a great success with lots of touching, smelling and tasting - accessible to all clients. Pasta and playdoh sections were fun, lots of play, sound elements good for raising dynamic with rhythms. playdoh was accessed on many different levels, from just squishing and smelling to symbolic representations of food and use of fine motor skills for cutting etc. The inspiration of the red carpet video created an amazing 'sailing' sections, both visually and aurally arresting. Even carers said they felt chilled and relaxed!

