

Theme	Beach Party
Leading Up To	Ensure that you send out invitations to your 'Beach Party' with plenty of notice to ensure that everyone invited is able to come.
How to Dress	The children and adults are to wear beach attire for this day. Eg: hats; sunscreen; coloured zinc; rash vests; beach towels; floaties; sunglasses; rubber swimming rings; flippers; snorkel; etc.
Decorate	Create a beach environment by placing sand buckets and spades, sun umbrellas or sun shades, beach towels and picnic rugs around your play area (inside or outside). Decorate the area with sea shells, sand and sea sponges. Have the children make their own starfish, or other marine life such as octopus, fish, sharks, whales, dolphins, seals, crabs, jellyfish, lobsters, and oysters, using cardboard and paint. To represent the surf and sea, decorate the area using blue crepe paper ribbons, blue cellophane, blue balloons, or fishing nets.
Food	Suggested menu items for your day at the beach: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fish and chips or BBQ chicken and chips with blue jelly in disposable cups ▪ Picnic sandwiches and Ice cream cones or ice blocks ▪ BBQ with salads and Tetra-pack drinks
Games and Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Frisbee games ▪ Building sandcastles and a mini paddling pool (weather permitting) ▪ Snorkel and flipper races ▪ For dramatic play, build your own Pirate Ship, Cruise Liner or Fishing Boat. Large boxes, tables, chairs, cushions, sheets and tablecloths. ▪ Bucket game – the children line up with a large bucket at either end of the line, one full of water. Have the children use a smaller bucket to transport the water down the line to fill the empty bucket. See if you can move all of the water using team work without spilling any of the water. As an alternative to water if the weather is cold, try using sand. ▪ Beach treasure hunt. Hide relevant beach items around your play area, and encourage the children to find the treasure. Alternatively, create a treasure chest with the children, using a cardboard box and hide it some where in the playground. Ask the children to help you draw a map, and see if they can follow their directions to the treasure chest. Fill the treasure chest with party food, a picnic lunch or other exciting goodies to make it a special find. ▪ Remember to take photos of your Beach Party!