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LA ARBOLEDA - THE WOOD

Focus word: a leaf ~ una hoja (oo-nah oh-hah)

All the leaves ~ Las hojas

This session's song

Perfect for parachute!

1 All the leaves are falling down,
falling down, falling down
Las hojas están cayendo
al suelo

3 Shh they're lying on the ground
On the ground, on the ground
Shh están tumbadas
En el suelo

2 Swirling and twirling round and round
Round and round, round and round,
Girando y dando vueltas
Por el suelo

4 The wind is blowing up they fly
Way up high, in the sky
Sopla el viento y las hojas
Vuelan por el cielo

Use real or artificial leaves!

Repeat V1 to end

Actions

Suggested actions and movement

START Make leaves with your hands bringing them down in front of the body to show falling down.

Twist wrists around to show swirling action of the leaves moving to the ground.

Lie down on the ground quietly just like a leaf!

Jump up and twirl arms and body around like a leaf blowing up to the sky.

FINISH Repeat V1 actions to finish.

If you're using a parachute this is perfect for showing self control and listening skills making the leaves go up and down and laying them quietly on the ground for V3 then whizzing up in V4. NB - The leaves will go everywhere but fun is 100% guaranteed!

Suggested adaptations

0-6mths

V1 - Gently move your fingers down over baby's tummy. V2 - Use the tips of your fingers to make a swirling action around baby's tummy. V3 - Make sssh noise and put finger on lips. V4 - Gently blow to make the sensation of the wind and move fingers up baby's tummy and arms. Repeat V1 action to finish.

6 mths - 1 yr

Enjoy performing the actions for sitting babies or gently moving their arms along to the actions. You could pick them up and have a dance around like leaves to the song too, lifting them up and down like a leaf, twirling around, laying on the ground and whizzing up into the sky!



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Why not try...

Leaf Puzzle

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Rompecabezas
de las hojas

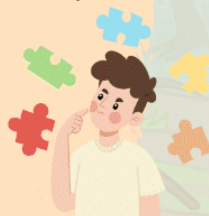
Using leaves that have been found outdoors, cut them in half and jumble up on a large surface.

Ask children to put them together like a jigsaw puzzle and stick down - this is great for observation and can be adapted to suit all age groups by cutting the leaves in half,

quarters, or beyond.

Extra vocab!

- pieces ~ piezas (pee-yeh-thahs)
- to put together ~ montar (mohn-tahr)
- join ~ junta (hoohn-tah)
- half ~ mitad (mee-tahd)
- finished ~ terminado (tehr-mee-nah-doh)



EYFS
Curriculum
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Areas of Learning

Communication & Language

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Physical Development

Understanding the World

Expressive Arts and Design

Resources required:
Parachute
Real or artificial leaves

Observation Opportunities



Copy gestures and words ie - making leaves (hands) fall down, twirl around, lie on the ground and fly in the sky.

Begin to develop self control - being still and quiet on the ground and waiting to move

Develop manipulation and control using arms and hands to recreate actions in a song

Understand some important processes and changes in the natural world - seasons & weather

Enjoy & take part in action songs

