

2to5s Sessions - Order of Events

Children arrive, and sit in a circle on cushions

(Co-ordinator to put the cushions and mat time gear out beforehand, but leave the toys in the cupboards until after mat time)

Mat time

1. Singing time: (lead by Co-ordinator)

- One or two other songs/dances
- Hello song with puppet (note that we've changed the order of the songs, so that you can get the noisier parts over before the older kids next door are doing their meditation)

2. Prayer/interactive meditation time: (lead by Co-ordinator) The script and all the gear will be in the prayer box in the cupboard by the mat, and you'll be emailed a copy for a pre-read with the rest of your programme notes during the week before you're on.

3. Story time: (Read by Helper A) Find it in the white cupboard by the mat up with the prayer gear box

4. Wondering Time: (Co-ordinator) Ask an "I wonder...?" open-ended question.

5. Introduce the Creative Activity (Co-ordinator) Show them what they'll be doing.

Activity time

Do the planned creative activity or free play.

Co-ordinator and Helper A lead creative activity. Helper A to ensure any creations are all named and taken home.

Helper B hands out crackers after about 5-10 minutes.

Please try and take this opportunity to play and interact with the children, rather than just chatting to other adults – this is a valuable relationship building time with the children, as you are acting as their parent-figures then.

Tidy up time

Give out stickers for hands of good tidier uppers.

Please put the play dough and craft gear away and lock that cupboard.

Put the toys away in the other cupboards by the mat area, but leave one or two boxes out like the cars so that children can use them during morning tea, and leave that cupboard unlocked until later.

Ensure that all children have reconnected with their parents before opening the folding doors in to the hall area.

Before you leave to go home after morning tea: please check that the space is tidy, close the windows, lock the cupboards and the door, and close the folding doors. If you need to go early, please delegate this job to a parent of someone who is playing there.