

Equipping your Grade R classroom

Threading games

A couple of packets of macaroni, spray painted in four or five different colours, will provide enough 'beads' to complete colour sequencing activities. Use shoelaces or pieces of string cut to length.

Feely alphabet letters

Cut out the alphabet letter templates. Use them to make cut-out felt, sandpaper and plastic letters. Learners trace around these with their fingers.



MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

Shakers

Fill plastic or tin containers with sand, rice or small stones. Seal the lid securely and decorate the outside.

Bells

Make small holes using a nail through tin bottle tops. Thread these onto pieces of firm wire. Loop the wire to form a circle and join the ends by twisting. Wind electrical tape over the joint to protect little hands from rough edges.

Tambourines

Glue two or three paper plates together and decorate. Punch holes around the outer edge of the plates at regular intervals. Thread tin bottle tops onto round curtain rings and thread these through the punched holes.

STORING EQUIPMENT

Have a system for storing equipment. Not only will you be able to locate materials quickly, but it will also protect them and ensure that they last for many years.

Store your equipment in clear plastic containers. Square or rectangular containers such as those that ice-cream come in are easier to stack and will save space.