

Fox in Socks

- Lots of socks.
- T21 Fox in Socks word match template.
- T21 matching sock template.
- Washing line and pegs.
- A box - can make to look like a washing machine?
- Tape.
- T21 Design your own sock template.

Introduction: Circle Time - World Down Syndrome Day

- Hello Song – circle time.
- Children to watch and wave hello.
- Go round and say hello to everyone by name.
- Anyone wearing their odd socks/blue and yellow clothes.

World Down Syndrome Day

Chloe explains about Down syndrome: https://youtu.be/_r_2rmDYfz4

Across the whole world boys and girls are having fun with their odd socks to show that they support children who have Down syndrome. So today we are going to meet a friend who also loves wearing socks - Mr Fox.

Story

- Read 'Fox in Socks' Story
- Online link - Fox in Socks read aloud: https://youtu.be/HSc_5NKnCdU

Alternative Story - Fox's Socks

- Makaton signed Fox in Socks - <https://youtu.be/x6hryNWThVQ>

Activity one: Fox in Socks world match

Can use the **T21 Fox in Socks Word Match template**:

- Talk about the story and see what things the children can remember.
- Show a word sock and sound it out.
- Ask if they can find the thing.

Alternative approach/activity:

- Set up a washing line and some pegs.
- Using the **T21 Sock Letters and sounds template** build simple words on the washing line and have several pictures for the children to match and hang on the line.

Activity two: sock matching/sort

Can use the **T21 Matching socks template**:

- Using tape create a grid and place one of the sock pairs in one of the squares and get the children to find the matching sock.



- These can be sorted by colour/pattern/pairs.
- If you have some real socks, you could practice folding them together.

Alternative approach/activity:

- Set up a washing line, 2 x box of socks, and box of pegs.
- Can the children match the socks and hang on the line as pairs.

**Activity three: mystery sock**

- Using actual socks prepare for a game of mystery sock by hiding items in socks.
- Children can then try to guess what is in the sock by feel alone.
- This can be random items or items that tie into the Fox in Socks story - blocks, toy pig, duck etc.

Alternative approach/activity:

- Using your box you can explore on, in and under with your socks.
- This could be paired with some fine motor tweezer work to load the washing machine ready to hang out the washing.

Activity four: design your socks

Can use the **T21 Design your own Socks template:**

- Using paints, stickers crayons or whatever you have in the classroom.
- Design your own socks to display for Mr Fox.
- These could be the same or odd socks.
- You could hang them on your washing line to dry or display them.

Activity five: gross motor ideas - sock ball

- Bunch up your matched socks and ball them up.
- Place a laundry basket, bucket, or hoop on the floor at a suitable distance.
- Each round the basket, bucket or hoop can be moved further away or there can be several baskets with different colours, numbers or letter on to add a further dimension to the game.

**Alternative approach/activity: socknastics**

Video ideas for Gross motor fun:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=usZw7dkshTM>

Activity six: singing and movement:

Song - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YaqOg7g3XYM>

- Sing along and have fun with fox.