

Ghost and Pumpkin Bowling

In this activity the children will be using their imagination to create funny/scary ghosts out of water bottles and then building on their fine and gross motor skills as they learn to bowl with a pumpkin. There is a little bit of a science lesson in this activity, because the children will need to fill up the water bottles with items that will make the bottle stand firmly on the ground – and they will learn about cause and effect (i.e. less rocks vs more rocks inside the bottle, which is better?)

What you need:

- Plastic water bottles with lids (6 bottles needed)
- White paint and paint brushes
- Black sharpie markers or googly eyes (large)
- Glue
- Small pumpkin (you may have to purchase this ahead of time)
- Rice, rocks, dried beans or water



What to do:

1. Take all the items to make the ghost water bottles outdoors (weather permitting)
2. Ask the children to paint the water bottles all in white (including the lid), and once the paint is dry, ask them to make funny or scary ghost faces with markers and/or googly eyes
3. Once they have finished making the faces on the bottles, have a discussion with the children about what they will need to add to make the bottles stand strong (and not fall), and how much they will need. This gives them the opportunity to problem solve and learn a little about science (cause and effect)
4. Set up the bottles outdoor in a backwards triangle shape (as seen in the picture above) and give each child a chance to roll the small pumpkin to see how many bottles they can knock down

Extending the activity – assign points for each bottle, and as the children knock down the bottles ask them to count how many points they earned (this activity is more for older school age children), this will encourage understanding of numeration and early math skills

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