

Learning together...

Curriculum Area: Literacy

Recommended for: 3 years plus

Learning Activity: A Lion in the Night
(Activity 2)

Big Idea:

Books are filled with words and letters that can be explored in many ways

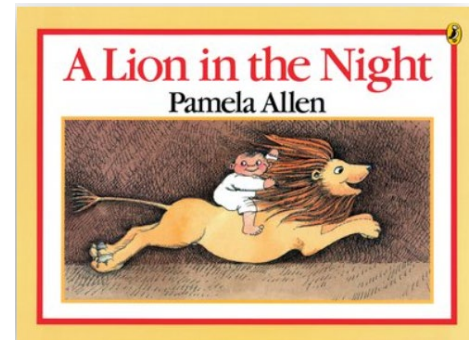
What to do:

Read the story '[A Lion In the Night](#)' by Pamela Allen:

At the end of the story look at the cover once again and see if you can find anything that begins with the letter L – can you think of other things that begin with L?

Possible activities connected to the Letter 'L' (or any letters you may choose!)

- L Hunt: Make a collection of 10 things that begin with L and take a photo of them
- Draw both a lower case and upper case letter L on a piece of paper to fill the whole page. Ask your child to cover this with small objects to begin to build awareness of the structure of the letter – e.g. cover it with pasta shells, small pebbles, buttons, coins, beads, etc. If you have chalk you could do bigger versions of this outside
- Make a book about the letter L – you could stick in leaves, write a mini-letter to a friend, draw things that start with L, stick in photos of things you find starting with L
- Make a mini sand box and fill it with sand or flour or salt or dirt and encourage your child to draw the letter L I
- Make a name collage: write your name and then cover it by gluing on leaves.



Benefits:

- Increases sensory development
- Literacy – letter and sound recognition
- Coordination
- Memory and recall
- Encourages risk taking
- Development of fine-motor skills and mark-making

Links to Early Years Learning Framework:

Outcome 4: Children are confident and involved learners

Outcome 5: Children are effective communicators