



Under the Carpet

Theatr
Iolo

Theatre to stir the imagination,
Inspire the heart and challenge the mind.
A theatre of stories.

Thank you for booking Theatr Iolo!

ALL ABOUT THE PLAY

The characters are called *NONNO* and *LOL*. They are cousins. The music is made from conventional instruments, violin, ukulele and guitar and made up instruments - ironing board, wooden spoon and a shoe brush.

THEATR IOLO PRESENT YOU WITH A GIFT FOR CREATIVE PLAY

The gift includes a small carpet, an ironing board, washing and iron, big button, wooden spoon, paper bag, sock and poster.

PLAY ACTIVITY

- Create a **dedicated space** to tell stories such as a story table or special place to sit around.
- **Place** the **objects** found in the small bag under the small carpet.
- **Invite** the children to: peep, feel, find, take and play with an object.
- **Use open questions** that encourage their creativity and storytelling.
- **Use the senses** to awaken their awareness.
 - Touch - Feel
 - Smell - Sniff
 - See - Look
 - Speak - Tell

RECORDING THEIR STORY

- **Writing** their words down may demonstrate the value you place on them.
- **Reading** their 'story' back to them celebrates their creativity.
- **Taping** their voices telling their story gives them ownership of their work and ease of repetition.



WORDS TO AWAKEN THE IMAGINATION

To make their story grow, accept and build on the child's words.

- Have you got a story to tell?
- Have you got any stories inside your head?
- What if?
- I wonder ...
- Supposing ...
- Perhaps ...
- Once upon a time there was ...
- Let's pretend ...
- Imagine ...
- What happened next?
- ...and then what happened?
- What do you see when you close your eyes.
- Who? What? Where? Why? When?
- How does your story end?
- Have you got any more story to tell?

DRAWING OUT STORY FROM THE OBJECTS UNDER THE CARPET

Button

What is this? What is it for?

Is the button big or small?

Who does this belong to?

How big is the person that wears this button on their clothes?

What do they look like, what do they say?

Where does the button belong?

The button is lost.

Is somebody looking for this button. Will they find it?

Look through the button holes what do you see?

Bag

What is this?

Is it empty?

Does it belong to anyone?

What do they put inside it?

Ironing board

What is this?

What is it used for?

How do Nonno and Lol use their ironing board ?

What else could it be?



Sock

What is this?

What are the cakes made out of?

Who owns this sock?

What else can the sock become?

Wooden spoon

What is this?

What is it for, how can you use it?

What else can it be?

Spoons lend themselves to puppetry very easily as they seem to have heads and possibly faces and can be walked along and animated. Did you hear that? Did it speak?

What did it say?

Iron and washing

What is this?

Has the ironing been done?

Who did the ironing?

The poster

What is this?

What can you see?

Have you seen the bee before? Where?

Have you seen the carpet before? Where?

The Buzzy Bee Song

"Buzzy Bee, Buzzy Bee

Is there any honey in your flower?"

"Buttercup, buttercup, you're so sweet I'm all full up baby".

"Every time I see you fly it makes me smile"

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Tune and lyrics by Jak Poore.



The Five Photographs

Talking about feelings. How do they feel? Why do they feel like they do?

- 1 Nonno in his den.
- 2 "Your foot's on my side."
- 3 Lol under his tree.
- 4 Teatime "cakes"!
- 5 Buzzy Bee song.

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