

# Info Exchange Magazine



## Apps Alert & **Sensory Surprises**



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Apps are described as **Free** or **Lite** indicates that the app is free as of time of locating it for the newsletter. Some apps may be for Android devices, as well as for iPads.



## **Profound Multiple Learning Disability Mobile App**

From the NHS UK

Health Education Thames Valley and Health Education Wessex have recently produced the Profound Multiple Learning Disability (PMLD) mobile app for use on android, apple and blackberry devices. This app has been developed to support everyone, professionals and carers, to help people with profound and multiple learning disabilities live a fulfilling happy and healthy life. It contains top tips and references to access further information on how to care for people who need high levels of support from others with most aspects of daily living.



## **My Little Fairy**

This was developed by Plexus Games. There is no dialogue in the app, but this is intentional, since all of the characters are fairies. Instead of speaking, the fairies communicate with each other through facial expressions and sound effects. The world they inhabit is in 3D and the illustrations are gorgeous. The fairies and scenery come together to create a free play environment to explore. The simple music and twinkling sound effects add to the app creating an overall experience for players to enjoy. Visit <http://www.plexusgames.com/mylittlefairy/>.

There are also mini-games that pop up along the way. They include:

- matching symbol patterns,
- catching raindrops,
- playing music on a keyboard decorated with mice,
- casting spells on the rabbit,
- assembling the dragon puzzle.



## Mark Making and Writing

New materials in draft form from **Les Staves** (<http://veryspecialmaths.com>) in 2015.

Thanks, Les!

Link to writing, mark making Apps can be found in the Info Exchange Apps Alert no 36 - here: [http://flolonghorn.com/images/stories/PDFs/Apps/Apps\\_Alert\\_No\\_36\\_June2014.pdf](http://flolonghorn.com/images/stories/PDFs/Apps/Apps_Alert_No_36_June2014.pdf)

and from **Hérons Dale School**, some excellent materials from their literacy team.

Thanks, Herons Dale School, for sharing!



## The Writing Handbook

<http://www.cherrygardenschool.co.uk/Mainfolder/WRITING-HANDBOOK.pdf>

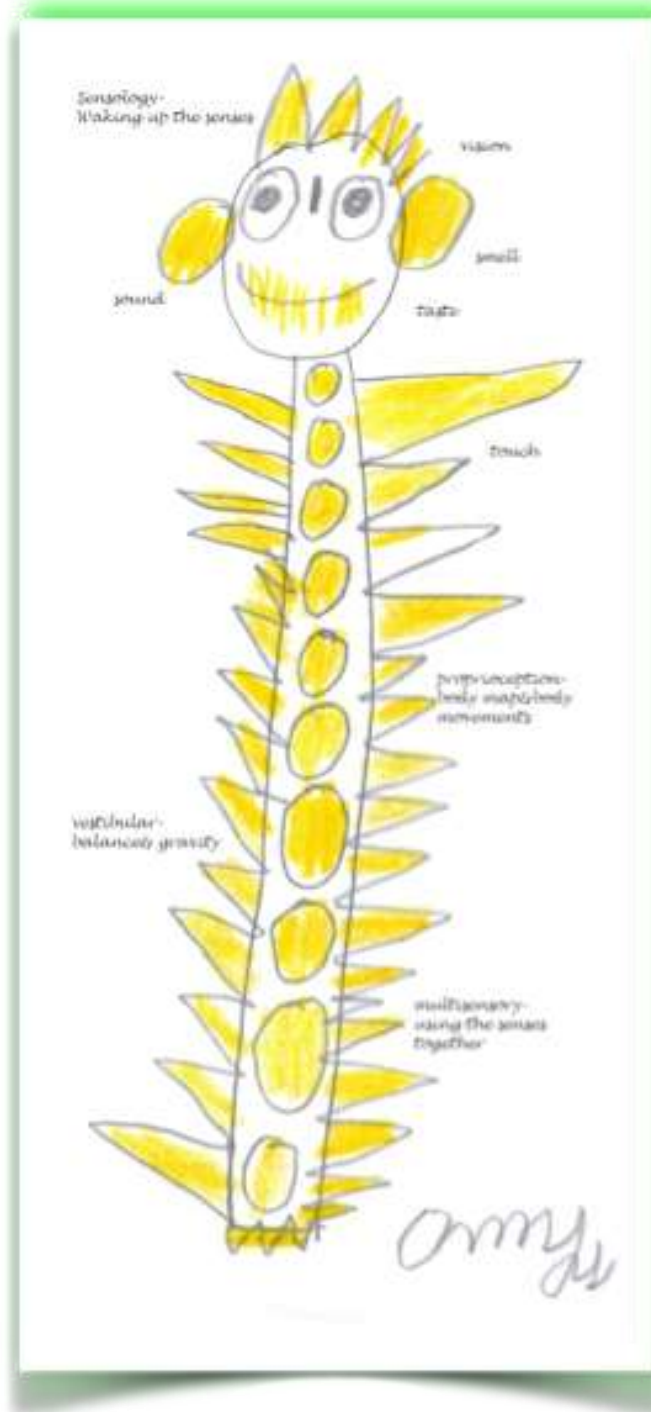


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- Activities to Support the Development of Fine-Motor Skills for Writing
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## Sensory Surprises



## **Cause and Effect**

What happens when the jar is shaken or turned upside down?

Make sure the lid is screwed on tightly - or what happens if it is not!



## Sticky Art

This is such a simple activity! You will need:

- A roll of sticky clear plastic usually used for covering books or surfaces. Place the clear plastic on a clean floor, with the sticky side upwards.
- Tape the edges so it does not slip.
- Shoes off, see what it feels like to walk on the sticky surface, listen to the noises.....



Now turn the sticky plastic into an abstract collage by providing a range of different collage materials such as tissue papers, sequins, beads, feathers, pasta. A great group piece of art!



Found on: <http://www.handsonaswegrow.com/sticky-sensory-art-project>

## Squease Vests

These are an inflatable deep pressure vests, designed for people with sensory processing difficulties. When inflated, the vest applies a firm hug like pressure to the upper body to the upper body giving, it is said, a pleasant secure and safe feeling. The price is very high (I did a gasp!) at £245, but recommended by Temple Grandin and Phoebe Caldwell.

Visit: <http://www.squeasewear.com>

Visit this YouTube video to find out more:

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



## The Primary Guide to Growing Up Relationships and Sex

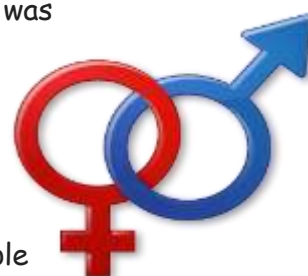
A comprehensive lesson plan to accompany 'The Primary Guide to Growing Up Relationships and Sex' is now available free from the website:

<http://www.lifesupportproductions.co.uk/pnsedvd.php>

and from the Times Educational Supplement (TES) website resources section at:

<http://www.tes.com/teaching-resource/the-primary-guide-lesson-plan-11094646>

Earlier this year an enhanced version of 'The Primary Guide' was released, with optional easy read subtitles. We have now developed a lesson plan for this title. This comprehensive lesson plan includes worksheets and other useful resources to support teachers and educators delivering SRE at primary level. Accessible and user-friendly with easy to use menu choices, our DVDs are ideal resources for relationship education for children and young people with additional educational needs. For further information, please see: <http://www.lifesupportproductions.co.uk>



Don't forget '*Sex Education & Sexuality for Very Special People*' by Flo Longhorn. Order from Amazon.

## Sounds of Intent



**Sounds of Intent** is now in the languages Urdu and Mandarin. Look at the Urdu and Mandarin versions on the following pages. When I looked at these I thought how beautiful the script was to view.

I also felt like a very uncomfortable child, faced with a hand full of symbol cards which did not convey any meaning! A salutary lesson to make sure any form of communication will be understood by the listener.

Visit: <http://soundsofintent.org>

Download Sounds of Intent (Urdu):

[http://soundsofintent.org/soi\\_dox/soi\\_framework\\_urdu.pdf](http://soundsofintent.org/soi_dox/soi_framework_urdu.pdf)

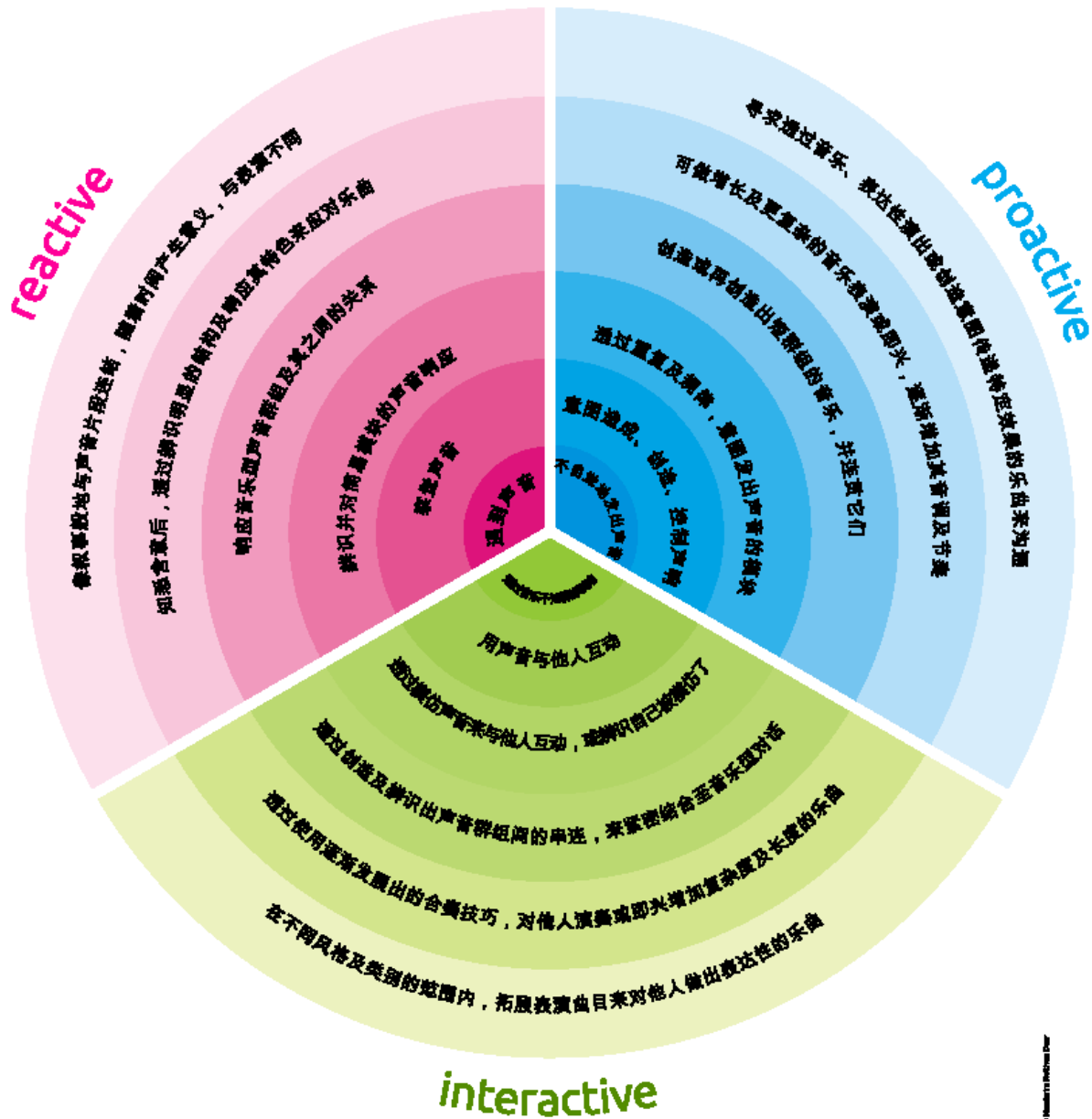
Download Sounds of Intent (Mandarin):

[http://soundsofintent.org/soi\\_dox/soi\\_framework\\_mandarin.pdf](http://soundsofintent.org/soi_dox/soi_framework_mandarin.pdf)





# Sounds of Intent in Mandarin



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## ***Thunderstorm - A Sensory Story***

Found at the website <http://kidscreative.org.uk>

Kids Creative is a lovely, multi-sensory creative set of workshops, run by an innovative art teacher in the **Manchester** area by **Selina Mellon**.



[www.kidscreative.org.uk](http://www.kidscreative.org.uk)

### ***Thunderstorm - A Sensory Story***

A Sensory Story written for baby and toddler sensory art sessions.

See YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e3xzVKznIME>

