

SunSmart Literature.

There are many wonderful picture books available that can be used to promote awareness and discussion about the sun, weather, seasons, sun protection and skin.

At the time of publishing this list, all titles were in print and able to be ordered in hard copy and/or eBooks. All titles can also be viewed as online read-aloud on sites such as YouTube. These are general recommendations, and you should check titles and content for suitability for the children in your care.

Book Titles	Concepts/Themes/Topics	SunSmart Activities	Curriculum	Suitable Age
Now That's a Hat! Heath McKenzie Image: State of the state of	 Variety of hat types Function of hats (cultural icons, protection and identity) Clothing Animals Rhyming Watch on YouTube Download teacher's notes 	 Now That's a SunSmart Hat Design and make a SunSmart hat that will pass the SunSmart Hat Test. It must provide shade to the face, neck, ears and crown of the head. Different Hats Explore and research different types of hats and their purpose. Have children bring in different hats from home. Dramatic Play Hat Shop Create a dramatic play corner hat shop. Include mirrors, checkout register and other shop props. Don't forget lots of different HATS! Key Questions: What makes a hat SunSmart? Why do we need to wear hat? Why is shade so important? What other ways can you protect yourself from ultraviolet radiation (UVR) from the sun?	English The Arts Design & Technology Health English More activities in our <u>SunSmart integrated unit</u>	3-7 years

Katie and the Bathers James MayhewImage: State of the stat	 Weather Painting Art Art gallery Imagination Clothing Literature art Watch on YouTube 	 SunSmart Suitcase Make a list of all the items you would include in a SunSmart suitcase that you could take with you on a holiday to the beach. Remarkable Rashie In the story, Katie does not have a rashie to slip on over her bathers. Use colourful paints to create a 'remarkable rashie'. Template can be found in the integrated unit. Paper Plate Umbrella Craft Umbrellas provide shade from the sun and were used in one of the paintings in the story. Make an umbrella using a paper plate cut in half. Decorate it with stickers, crayons and marker pens. Key Questions: How has our clothing that we wear now changed from the pictures in the gallery? What are some of the activities that Katie does where she might need to wear a hat? What do you like to do on hot sunny days? Do you know any fun, active games you can play inside on hot days? What items of clothing do you wear in summer, autumn, winter and spring? 	The Arts Earth and Space Sciences Health English More activities in our <u>SunSmart integrated unit</u>	5-8 years
Emily Green's Garden Penny Harrison and Megan Forward	 Weather Caring for plants Environment Living things have needs Cause and effect of sun Life cycle of plants Watch on <u>Play School</u> Download <u>teachers' notes</u> 	 Living and Non-Living Create a set of cards with images of objects that are living and non-living. Try and use ideas that are from the story. Dramatic Play Garden Create a dramatic play corner garden. Include toy rakes, garden pots, homemade paper plants, watering can and other garden props. Be sure to include sunscreen, protective clothing, broad-brimmed hats and sunglasses. Plants are Alive Plants are living things and have needs to live. Talk about the role of the sun and plants. Draw a picture of a plant in the centre of a page. Write all the things that plants need to live around the picture. Key Questions: How does Emily care for her plants? What are some things that are important to make plants grow? What happens to plants if they get too much sun or not enough sun? 	Biological sciences Humanities and Social Sciences English Health	3-6 years

Splash Day! Nick Sharratt Nick Sharratt Splash Day and everyone is ready for a water fight! They've got their togs and wetsuits, some wellies and rubber rings, and Mrs Rose even has a great big hose! 2018 ISBN: 9781781128275	 Clothing and their purpose Water Rhyming School Summer fun Read <u>Chapter One</u> 	 Splash Pack! Plan your very own Splash Day. What would you pack? Pack a SunSmart pack to take with you to Splash Day. List all the different things you would take with you. Splash of Shade Design a shade structure for one of the Splash Day activities. Bleached Sun Prints Place black card onto flat surface in the sun. Place a range of school supplies onto the paper and leave for a few hours (depending on time of day). Later, lift the objects and see the prints left behind. Key Questions: What are some of the safety considerations that need to be made for Splash Day (sun protection, water safety)? Why is shade important on Splash Day? 	Health Science Humanities and Social Sciences Design & Technology English	7-11 years
My Farm Alison Lester Alison Lester grew up on a farm by the sea in eastern Victoria. My Farm is her story of a memorable year, the year she got a palomino pony for Christmas all the activities through the seasons are depicted with child-like mischief and humour. 2005 ISBN: 9781741147865	 Seasons Farming Production Landscapes farm and sea Childhood & family Daily and seasonal changes Characteristics of landscapes Watch on YouTube 	 Clothing for the Seasons Look at the clothing the children wore throughout the different seasons. Draw a picture of yourself dressed for a day out in Summer. Don't forget sun protection! Favourite Season Imagine you lived on a farm. Write a story detailing how you would spend your perfect day on the farm. You can use ideas from the book or ideas of your own. What season did you choose for your perfect day? Adjectives Blitz My Farm is full of wonderful vocabulary. Explore the adjectives used to describe the different seasons. Key Questions: What is your favourite season and why? What clothing do the children wear in summer, autumn, winter and spring? 	Humanities and Social Sciences Health English	3-8 years

A Year on Our Farm Penny Matthews and Andrew McLean YEAR ON OUR FARM YEAR ON OUR FARM (YEAR ON OUR FARM) (YEAR ON OUR FARM) (Y	 Seasons Five Senses Farming Observable changes occur in landscapes Family Watch on <u>YouTube</u> Download <u>teacher's notes</u> 	 Seasons Across the Year Fold an A3 piece of paper into quarters and title each quarter with the seasons. Draw the different tasks that were done on the farm in season. The Sun Brainstorm In the centre of a page, write the word SUN in large letters. Brainstorm the role of the sun during each of the seasons and how it impacted on the different tasks that were done on the farm. Australia and UV Go to a weather reporting website and research the UV Index around Australia. Using a map of Australia label the locations and record the UV. Do this once in summer and again in winter to compare the results. Key Questions: How does the landscape on the farm change as the seasons change? Describe the seasons where you live, including the colour, smell and sounds? What kind of activities happened in winter and summer? 	Humanities and Social Science Health English	4-7 years
Summer Rain Ros Moriarty and Balarinji Summer Rain Rain Rain Rain Rain Rain Rain Rain	 Seasons Australian landscapes Australian animals Aboriginal Art Northern Australia Weather Family Friendship Seasonal changes Living things 	 Aboriginal Seasons Explore and learn about the Aboriginal seasons in your local area. Compare them to the four other seasons. Wet and Dry Season Create a poster or mural divided into Dry Season and Wet Season with painted scenes and animals from the story. Summer! Compare the Northern Australia summer from the story with the summer weather you experience where you live. Key Questions: How does the weather impact on the plants and animals and their reactions to the environment around them? What are some of the things that happened when it began to rain? How did the animals react? Discuss the differences between Dry and Wet seasons. How would each feel and affect the animals?	The Arts Science Humanities and Social Sciences English Health	4-7 years

I Got this Hat! Jol and Kate Temple and Jon Foye In this fun book we take a peek at the world around us through the playful medium of hats. 2014 ISBN: 9780733332302	 Hats and their purpose Culture and diversity Variety of hat types Function of hats (cultural icons, protection and identity) Rhyme Watch on <u>YouTube</u> 	 Measure Hats Measure the brim of a collection of hats and order them from the longest to shortest. You can also measure the height of the hat. Exploring Different Hats Explore and research different types of hats and their purpose. Have children bring in different hats from home. Sort them into groups such broad brimmed and not broad brimmed. Persuasive Writing Write a persuasive text about broad brimmed or bucket hats versus caps. Key Questions: Why do we have hats? What is their purpose? Do you have a favourite hat? When would you wear a hat (weather/ events)?	Science Humanities and Social Sciences English	4-8 years
Today's Sun Gregg Dreise Image: Construction of the second secon	 Australian animals & birds Movement of the sun throughout the day Adventure Family Aboriginal art Australian history Resilience 	 Sort and Classify Sort and classify animals (photos/figurines) based on their features, such as lives on land, water or air, or animals with feathers, fur or skin. Shade for the Animals Design a shaded area/habitat for the animals to protect themselves from the sun. Sun Dot Painting Using the flat part of a fork dipped in different 'sun-like' paint colours, print/press the fork onto paper to create a sun shape. Once dried, add some back dots using a cotton bud. Key Questions: When is it the hottest part of the day? What should we do to protect themselves from the sun? 	Science Humanities and Social Sciences Health More activities in our <u>SunSmart integrated unit</u>	0-5 years

Sun	Five senses	Role Play Sunscreen	Science	3-6 years
Whatever the Weather		Role play putting sunscreen on a toy doll (not a fabric doll)		5-0 years
Series	Shadows	and dressing them ready for going outside to play.	Art	
Carol Thompson	 Playing in the sun 		Health	
	• Weather	Creative Play in the Shade	Humanities and Social	
all's caultomesor	Friendship	Create a shady outdoor play area under a tree using	Sciences	
SUM		sheets, boxes and other items to play in the shade.		
And and a second	Watch on <u>YouTube</u>		More activities in our	
		Paper Sun Craft	SunSmart integrated unit	
1910 man		Paint a paper plate with yellow and other sun-like colour		
13105		paints. Tear up yellow paper or crepe paper into small squares and glue them onto paper plate. Use longer strips		
		of paper to create the sun rays.		
Let's play out in the sun! There's		or paper to create the surrays.		
a wealth of sights, sounds, smells,		Key Questions:		
tastes and textures to discover		Why did the children put on sunscreen and a hat?		
and enjoy! Celebrates the		Do you like to take your shoes off when you are outside?		
immediate and sensory response of children to the natural world -		Why do you think the children took their shoes off in the		
whatever the weather!		story?		
2018 ISBN: 9781846436802				
Today's Sun	Emotions	Taking Care of Your Skin	Health	4-11 years
Michael Tyler & David Lee	Friendship	Using A3 poster paper, draw a picture of you and your	Cultural diversity	
Csicsko	Animals	beautiful skin in the middle of the page. Using small cut	Emotions	
A ->	• Hats and their purpose	out pieces of paper, write all the different ways you can	Critical & Creative Thinking	
		protect your skin.	English	
	Watch on <u>YouTube</u>	Our Skin		
THE SKIN YOU LIVE IN		Using a magnifying glass children examine their own skin		
	Download <u>teacher's notes</u>	for different characteristics, such as freckles, scars or	More activities in our SunSmart integrated unit	
where by MY MMIL TYPERT, its classes by DAYN LIE CASE 20		scratches.	<u>Sunsmart integrated unit</u>	
Celebrates differences and		Five Ways		
similarities no matter what skin		Draw five ways you can protect your skin when going		
we are in.		outside. Stick them up around your classroom or service.		
2005 ISBN: 9780975958001		Kau Quantingan		
		Key Questions:		
		What part of yourself (or friends) are you/they most proud of? Why is it important to protect our skin? What are		
		some of the ways we can protect our skin?		
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Horray for Hat! Brian WonImage: State of the	 Emotions Friendship Animals Hats and their purpose Watch on <u>YouTube</u>	Create a 'Hat' Investigation Table Set a space in the classroom/service where children explore and learn about hats (history, purpose and function). Provide fiction and non-fiction books about hats, clipboard and paper, a variety of difference hats, a mirror and other 'hat' related items. Children can measure the brim of hats at the investigation table and rate hats that are SunSmart. Hat Craft Make a fabulous hat using craft and recycled materials. Your hat can have a theme or creative design. Like in the story, march in your own hat parade playing music. Safety Hats vs Fashion Hats Create a set of picture cards of a variety of hats. Discuss each hat and their purpose. Sort the hat picture cards into groups titled 'Safety Hats' and 'Fashion Hats'. Key Questions: Why do you think the surprise hat cheered up Elephant? Why do we have hats? What is their purpose? What is an example of a fashion? What is an example of a safety hat?	Humanities and Social Sciences Health The Arts English	4-7 years
Bush Tracks Ros Moriarty and Balarinji Image: State of the sta	 Australian landscape Australian animals Day and night Weather Seasons Local indigenous seasons Natural environment Environmental protection Country Watch on YouTube 	 Dress for the Weather Throughout the story the weather changes. Draw a picture of you wearing clothing suitable for the day and night time. Shelter Draw pictures of the different forms of shelter the animals seek protection from the weather o the bush track. Pack for a Bush Walk Create a list of items you would take with you on a bush walk. What will you need to stay healthy and safe? Key Questions: What animals did you see in the story? Describe the weather and seasons. Describe the natural landscape? How does the weather impact on this and the animals that live here? 	Humanities and Social Sciences Health Science The Arts	3-7 years

Summer June Factor & Alison Lester A beautiful story that captures the feeling of summer and all that it brings, changing weather, family gatherings, lots of fun and flies! 2016 ISBN: 9780670078950	 Family Weather Seasons Five senses Seasonal events Watch on <u>YouTube</u>	Five Senses of Summer Create a brainstorm of words that describes summer. Include the five senses, what does it feel, smell, taste, sound and look like? Weather Match Place a basket of clothes/items appropriate for different weather in the middle of a group. Invite children to select an item, discuss what weather it matches and why we would use that item of clothing. SunSmart Spot Look at the pictures throughout the story. Can you spot any slip, slop, slap, seek and slide in the pictures? Key Questions: What sorts of things do you do in summer? What sort of clothing do you wear in summer? Why is it important to protect your skin?	Science Humanities and Social Sciences Health English	3-5 years
A Simply Spectacular Hat Libby Gleeson & Dee TexiDor Miss Fabulous Fay teaches her cute "marvellous monkeys" the key things to remember before they go outside to play. 2009 ISBN: 9781921619083	 Slip Slop Slap Seek and Slide Problem solving Importance of hats Preparing to play outside Weather Watch on <u>YouTube</u> 	 Spectacular Hat Draw a design of a simply spectacular SunSmart hat. Make it using recycled and craft materials. Snazzy Sun Shirt Using the long sleeve shirt template on page 2, splat, print and splash on some paint to create a 'snazzy sun shirt'. Musical SunSmart Similar to musical statues, play your favourite SunSmart song and when the music stops hold up a slip, slop, slap, seek and slide picture. Students mime the action on the card, such as slop, mimic putting on sunscreen and slap, mimic putting on a broad brimmed hat. Key Questions: What are the different things the children do to prepare to go outside and play? What can you do if you forget your hat? What makes the hat 'simply spectacular'?	The Arts Design & Technology Health Health & Wellbeing Critical & Creative Thinking More activities in our <u>SunSmart integrated unit</u>	3-7 years

How the Sun Got to Coco's House Bob Graham How the Sun Got to Coco's House BOB GRAHAM The journey of the sun is captured as it travels from the far side of the world, across countries, chasing the night before arriving at little Coco's house. 2017 ISBN: 9781406373455	 Day and night Cultural diversity Environment Weather Different landscapes Watch on <u>YouTube</u> Download <u>teacher's notes</u>	 Sun's Journey Track the sun's journey through How the Sun Got to Coco's House using a globe, atlas or app such as Google Earth. Sun Roles The sun has many roles, make a list of all the good things that the sun brings to our planet. Sun Protection There are five ways we can protect our skin from the sun. Draw a picture of the five ways, such SLIP on protective clothing, SLOP on sunscreen, SLAP on a broad-brimmed hat, SEEK shade and SLIDE on sunglasses. Key Questions: What does the sun bring to the many places in How the Sun Got to Coco's House? Why is the sun important? Is the sun different in summer and winter? 	Science Health English The Arts Humanities and Social Sciences	2-8 years
Sing Me the Summer Jane Godwin & Alison Lester Image: Construction of the second secon	 Seasonal changes Family togetherness Weather Day and night Being outdoors Appreciating nature Watch on <u>YouTube</u> Download <u>teacher notes</u>	 Dramatic Play – Day at the Beach Set up a dramatic play corner of the beach. Don't forget to pack a hat, sunscreen, umbrella, sunglasses and protective clothing! Dress Up for the Seasons Role play and dress up in different clothing that you would wear throughout the seasons or your local Aboriginal seasons. Five Senses Use your five senses and go on a seasons hunt (depending on time of year). Look for items that tell you that it is summer, autumn, winter or spring. Key Questions: What sorts of things do you do in summer, autumn, winter and spring? What were the children wearing at the beach during summer? What sorts of activities do you do during the different seasons? What colours did you notice in the daytime and night time? 	Science Geography Health The Arts Humanities and Social Sciences More activities in our <u>SunSmart integrated unit</u>	4-8 years

Zoe's Hats Sharon Lane Holm Zoe loves hats – floppy hats, flowery hats, and downright funny hats. Some hats look wonderful on her, while others well, even Zoe has her doubts. 2009 ISBN: 9781590787489	 Colours Patterns Variety of hat types Function of hats (cultural icons, protection and identity) Clothing 	 Sorting Hats Have children bring in different hats from home or make a set of cards with a range of pictures of different hats. Sort the hats into groups based on colour, purpose and size. SunSmart Simon SunSmart Simon Says is much like the original game Simon Says but only uses the slip, slop, slap, seek and slide for the actions. For example, Simon says to slap on a hat, Simon says to slip on a shirt, slop on some sunscreen. How Many hats? Count how many hats are in the story? Draw your favourite hat and write a few sentences explaining why it is your favourite? Key Questions: Why do we have hats? What are some the things we use them for? What are some different hats we saw in the story? 	Mathematics Health Humanities and Social Science Science Sciences	3-7 years
The Quangle Wangle's Hat Edward Lear and Helen OxenburyImage: Complexity of the complexity o	 Shade and shelter Sun hats Habitats Rhyming words/poetry Friendship Animals Make believe imaginary Watch on YouTube Talk for Writing Resource Craft Video on YouTube 	 Shade for Animals Choose an animal from the story and design a shaded area/habitat to protect them from the sun. Mr Quangle Wangle's Hat Make Mr Quangle Wangle's Hat using a range of craft and recycled collage materials (paper, feathers, images and ribbons). Creative Play in the Shade Create a shady outdoor play area under a tree, using sheets, boxes and other items to play in the shade. Key Questions: What do you think Mr Quangle wangle looks like? Why do you think Mr Quangle Wangle's hat is so huge? Why are trees so important in the story? 	Science Literacy The Arts Health English	2-6 years

The Sunhat	Shade and shelter	Hat Colour Survey	Science	4-8 years
Jennifer War & Stephanie	• Animals	Survey all students in your class on what favourite colour	Geography	
Roth Sisson	• Weather	hat they like. Create a tally and graph displaying the	Mathematics	
THE	Seasonal changes	results.	Health	
LAND OF UND	Characteristics of	Wind-Proof Hat	Literacy	
ind	desert	Design a hat that will not blow off in the wind.	Design & Technology	
- August	Habitats			
	Friendship	Animal		
	Alliteration	Animals have skin and also protect themselves from the sun. Using photos of different animal coverings (fur,		
On a hot and sunny day in the	• Living things have basic	scales, etc.) and discuss how different animals protect		
desert, Rosa's bright red sunhat	needs	themselves from the sun. For example, insects hide under		
blows off her head, out of sight. One by one, the creatures of		leaves and dessert animals in tunnels in the sand.		
the desert stumble upon the	Watch on <u>YouTube</u>	Key Overstiener		
hat, seeking shelter from a wild		Key Questions: Why did Rosa wear her red sunhat? Why is it important to		
summer monsoon.		wear a sunhat? What is the purpose of a hat? What does		
2013 ISBN: 9781933855783		Rosa's sunhat provide for all the animals?		