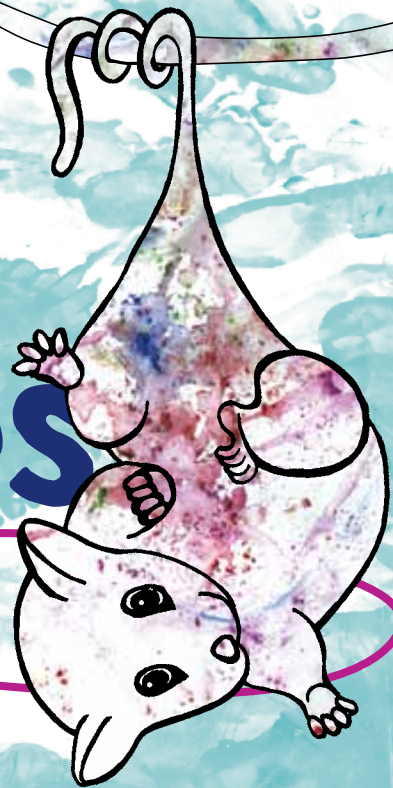


# Curious Creatures

All about us



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### About this project

The Picture Book Program 2015, is a partnership between two branches of the City of Melbourne Community Development Division - Community Services / Family Services and Arts and Culture / ArtPlay. The program is designed to engage families from within the municipality. It aims to encourage an awareness and enjoyment of literacy and the creative process, in a fun and supportive environment.

The art in this book was created by the attending children, using everyday materials, curiosity, and experimentation. The result, a book to be enjoyed again and again.

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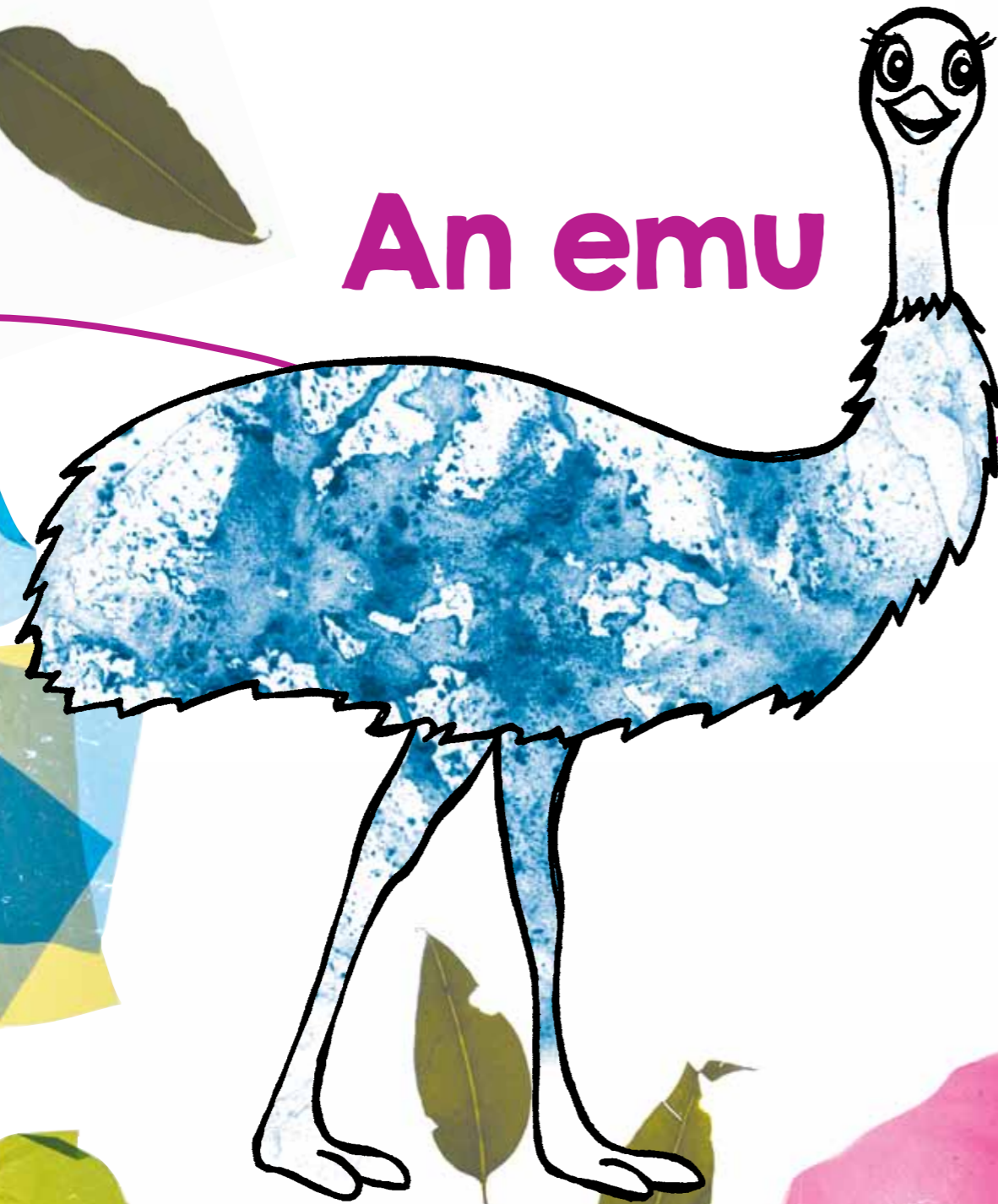
**A possum went to playgroup**  
**and what do you think she saw?**



**Lots of children mixing.  
Swish, swish, swish.**



An emu



went to playgroup  
and what do you think he saw?



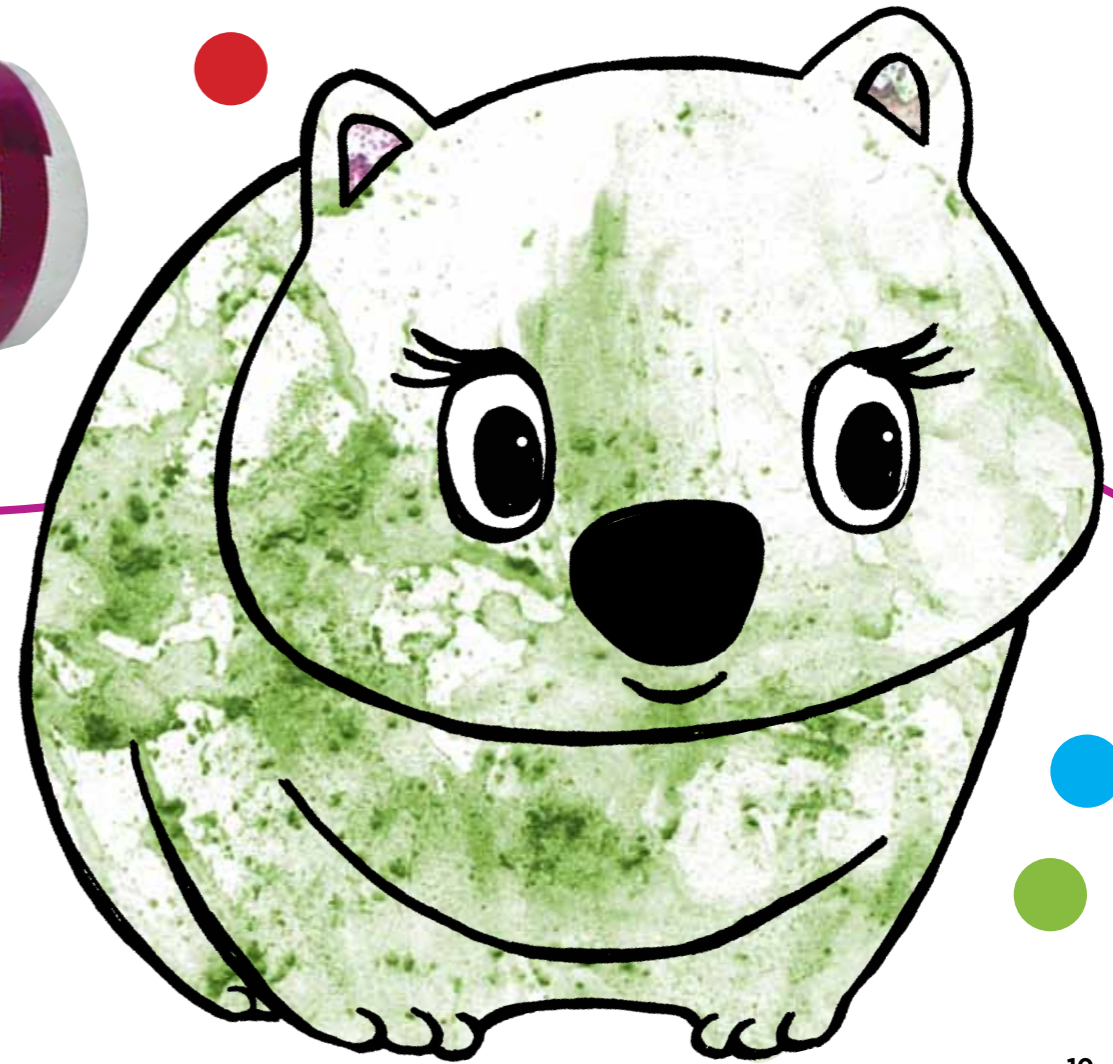


**Lots of children cutting.  
Snip, snip, snip.**



A wombat

went to playgroup  
and what do you think she saw?





**Lots of  
children  
listening.**

**Shake,  
shake,  
shake.**







**A bilby**

**went to playgroup  
and what do you think he saw?**



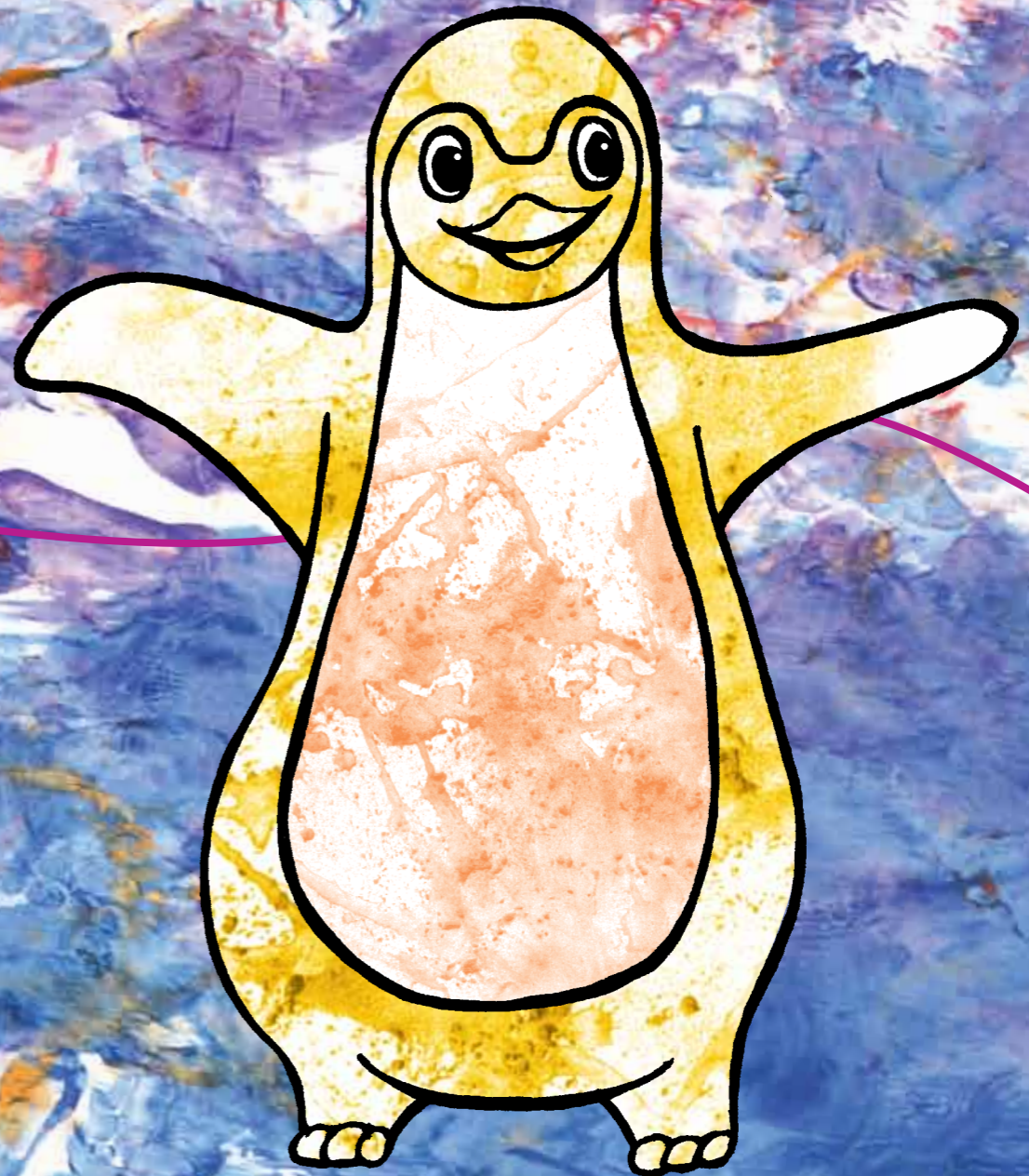


**Lots of children  
weaving.**

**Up, down, through.**



**A penguin  
went to playgroup  
and what do you think she saw?**





**Everybody dancing,  
jumping, laughing.**

**Wiggle, wiggle.  
Bounce, bounce.  
Ha, ha, ha!**



# Activities

## Mess-free Finger Painting An activity in mixing colors

**You will need**  
1 Ziploc bag  
Paints  
Sticky tape

### Instructions

- Squirt 1 or 2 colors of paint in a Ziploc bag and seal the bag firmly.
- Use sticky tape along the Ziploc bag's edges to stick it on a table, window or any surface of your choice.
- Move your fingers along the outside of the Ziploc bag to mix the paint inside it.
- Have fun mixing the paints together and drawing in patterns using your fingers and hands!
- Remember to keep the bag tightly closed so that no paint comes out!



**Curious Tip**  
What happens when you mix 2 or more colours together?



## Sticky Window Art An activity for a rainy day

**You will need**  
Clear contact paper  
Sticky tape  
Coloured cellophane  
Cotton balls  
Popsicle sticks  
Coloured paper

**Curious Tip**  
Which objects stick best on the contact sheet?

### Instructions

- Cut out a large sheet of the clear sticky contact paper.
- Use tape on the corners to stick the contact sheet firmly to the window, having the sticky side facing you.
- Enjoy sticking coloured cellophane, pompoms, popsicle sticks and other objects you might find around you!
- Once you have finished, you can peel the objects off and start again!



## Homemade Shaker Instruments

### An activity in making sound

#### You will need:

2 plastic cups  
Sticky tape  
Buttons  
Shells  
Jingle bells  
Leaves

**Curious Tip**  
How different is the sound that each object makes?

#### Instructions:

- Fill one plastic cup halfway full with buttons, bells, shells, leaves or any other objects that make noise when shaken inside a container. Try experimenting with different sounds before you make your choice!
- Join the tops of the two cups together and firmly tape along the edge.
- Decorate the shaker using stickers, colored paper, glitter or paint!



## Branch Weaving

### An activity to explore the outdoors

#### You will need:


3 to 4 branch sticks  
Woolen string  
Sticky tape  
Feathers  
Flowers  
Leaves

**Curious Tip**  
What else can you find outdoors that you can make art with?

#### Instructions:

- Collect 3 to 4 branch sticks. You can get them from your garden, backyard or the nearest park!
- Use tape to stick the branch sticks to each other to make a frame of any shape such as a triangle or a square.
- Start weaving the woolen string from one corner to the other. You can have someone help by holding the frame while you weave up and down.
- Once you have finished with the weaving, you can add other natural objects you might find outdoors, such as flowers, leaves and feathers!





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**A lively exploration of what  
young children like to do  
at playgroup.**

**Curiosity is  
essential for a child’s  
development. In Curious  
Creatures children have the  
space and time to be curious and  
to play as they discover what they  
can create with everyday objects.  
Curiosity feeds the imagination!**

**Look for the other books in the  
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