

Indoor Play

Tipping and Pouring

Resources - dry rice, lentils, pasta or even water
Large container/dish
Variety of containers - different sizes and shapes
Different sized spoons to use as scoops

Activity - Put the rice/lentils/pasta into the large dish/container. Encourage your child to fill the different containers with various spoons encouraging your child to use mathematical language, such more, heavy, light, full, half full, empty, little etc

This can be extended by encouraging your child to predict how many scoops it would take to fill a container, then counting out the scoops as they are placed inside. Were they right with their guessing?

Butterfly Prints

Resources - paper
Different coloured paint

Activity - Fold the paper in half. Encourage your child to squirt paint onto one half of the paper. If you can't squirt the paint, encourage your child to make marks, such as dabbing, wiggly and swirling marks, on one half of the paper using a brush or their fingers. Next, fold the paper over and encourage your child to gently pat/rub their hands over it before opening it up to reveal their beautiful butterfly.

Recyclable towers

Resources - empty boxes, bottles, cartons, etc.,

Activity - encourage your child to use the junk to build various towers and structures. As your child builds, encourage them to talk about what they are doing, encouraging descriptive and mathematical language, such as tall, high, enormous, wide, etc.. Remember some children like to build a tower and get just as much pleasure knocking it straight over and repeating.

Wash Time

The children have been thoroughly enjoying caring for the dolls. During this play, the children especially enjoyed washing the dolls in lots and lots of bubbles; for some imitating what they do and see at home.

Resources - A large dish or container or even a bucket,
Washing-up liquid
Variety of sponges and cloths
Selection of children's toys
A towel

Activity - Put some warm soapy water into a dish. Encourage your child to wash their toys using the variety of cloths and sponges. Once they are happy that the toys are nice and clean, they can then use the towel to dry them.

You never know, your child might even help with the washing up!

This activity can be done indoors or outdoors

