

Ideas to suggest to parents:

- Encourage your child to wash up with you and hang out the wet washing.
- Point out the weather each day – can your child remember what it was like the day before?
- Encourage your child to wash his/ her hands independently.
- Pour water from different sized containers in the bath.
- Talk about the usages of water in the home.
- Wash the car together.



Communication and Language

- *Feely bag*: Guess which item is in there – is it a sponge, toothbrush, rubber duck, soap?
- *Pairs/ picture lotto* – pictures of weather
- *Kim's Game*: a tray of items associated with water – which one has been taken away?
- Make a weather diary for the week.

Physical Development

- Make, blow and catch bubbles.
- How much water can you wring out?
- Sponges in the water tray – can you squeeze them out?
- Pour water into a small bottle.
- Use different containers to pour water down guttering.
- Paint walls with roller, brushes and water.
- Make soapy water with egg whisks and egg beaters.

Personal, Social and Emotional development

- What do we use water for? (Include baptisms)
- Making and pouring drinks.
- Make ice lollipops – which flavour do you like best?
- Splash together in the paddling pool.
- Take turns with fishing rods – catch magnetic fish.
- Play co-operatively with nets and ducks.

WATER

Mathematics

- Which of these bottles of water weighs the most?
- Place a given numbered lily pad on the water.
- Order numbered bottles of water.
- How many ice cubes will fit in this cup?
- How many scoops of water are needed to fill.....?
- Sinking the boat – throw a dice and put that number of teaspoons of water into the boat. Who will be the one to sink it?

Expressive Arts and Design

- Make water shakers.
- Marbling with water and inks.
- Collage – mixing blues and greens.
- Bubble painting.
- Painting on damp paper.
- Use shakers to make rain sounds.
- Make a clay fish.
- Fishing boat and net of fish.
- Weather clock and season collage.
- Combing waves with paint.
- Decorate a watering can.
- Move in time to music of a tap dripping – water gushing down a plug hole.
- Act out a story using umbrellas, wellies and waterproofs.

Literacy

- Read non-fiction books about water and the weather
- Write a message in felt tip pens, spray with water. What has happened?
- Bath books in paddling pool
- Paint with water on dry blackboards.

Understanding the World

- How can we keep an ice cube cold?
- How quickly will this puddle disappear?
- Which fabric will absorb the most water?
- Soil, sand or salt – which one will dissolve in water?
- Make a rain gauge
- Sort objects that float and sink.
- Make boats and test on water.
- What happens when we put a bottle of water in the freezer?
- Where can we find water at The Ark?
- Funnels and tubing in the water tray.
- Place guttering at different heights on stand and discuss flow of water.