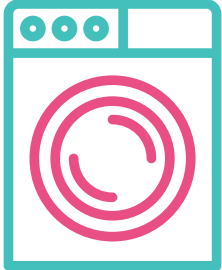


EVERY DAY HAPPENINGS



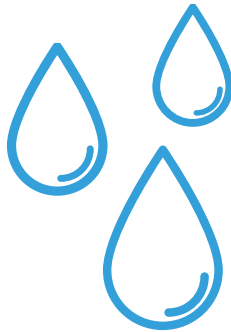
There's Lots to Love About Laundry



At Kindergarten, children are involved in many routines throughout each session. The way we move through each day in a similar way offers children a predictable rhythm and supports an understanding of the world around them. Maintaining familiar routines at home, even the most mundane, like the laundry, can offer rich learning opportunities for children. So bring out the laundry basket and the pegs and get everyone involved!

WHAT YOU NEED:

- The family laundry pile (dirty or clean)
- washing basket
- pegs and a clothes rack if you have one
- space for sorting/folding.



WHAT LEARNING IS HAPPENING?

- Understanding mathematical concepts such as sorting and categorising.
- Using pegs supports fine motor development.
- Supporting hand-eye co-ordination through folding and placement of the laundry.
- Language and concept development through the use of conversation and questioning.
- Exploring the world around them and making sense of it through actual experiences at home.

WHAT YOU COULD DO:

- Sort dirty laundry into light and dark colours.
- Use a low clothes rack to peg on socks, face washers and other small items.
- Sort clean laundry into piles for each family member.
- Find matching pairs of clean socks.
- Support the folding of laundry into categories, e.g. all shorts, all underwear, all socks.
- Use the washing basket to carry and deliver clean laundry to each family members bedroom.

WORDS OR PHRASES TO USE:

- Sort
- Category
- Can you find me....?
- Is this a pair?
- Who do you think this belongs to?



WHERE TO NEXT?

Are there other items around the house that might need sorting, use the washing basket to collect them and sort them up!

Fill a bucket with water and provide items for your child to wash themselves, squeeze out, and hang on the clothes rack to dry!

