

SENSORY SENSATIONS



Bubbles



Water has a multitude of uses.

Adding dishwashing detergent to water to create bubbles is a way for children to explore using their senses.

Children can be absorbed for hours in this calming experience.

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Large container
- Warm water
- Dishwashing detergent or soap flakes
- A whisk, a colander, a sponge, small scoops or cups could be additions



WHAT YOU COULD DO:

Place a large container on the ground, or low table outside and half fill with warm water.

Add a small amount of detergent. The child can mix the soap and water to form bubbles.

Have fun playing with the bubbles.

Reminder – Children always require supervision around water.



WORDS OR PHRASES TO USE:

Some questions to ponder which support problem solving, language and vocabulary development include:

- How do you think the bubbles are made?
- How long do they last?
- Can they float?
- I wonder what would happen if ...
- How does it feel?
- How high can you make a bubble mountain?
- What would happen if we blew on the bubbles?
- Concepts of floating and sinking and maths concepts of full, empty, wet and dry can be included in the conversations.

WHAT LEARNING IS HAPPENING?

- Sensory experiences enable children to explore using their senses: touch, smell, hearing, sight and taste.
- Children's concentration, language skills, understanding of science and maths concepts, and their innate sense of curiosity will be enhanced through this sensory exploration.
- Motor skills required for later writing can be developed and strengthened. These include hand-eye coordination and the strengthening of the muscles of the hands, arms and shoulders.



WHERE TO NEXT?

- Washing plastic dishes
- Washing dolls
- Washing dolls clothes
- Pouring with cups and bottles
- Playing with small animals in the bubbles
- Blowing bubbles.

