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Bubble Fun!



You need:

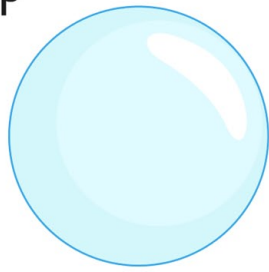
1/2 cup washing up liquid
5 cups of water
1 teaspoon of sugar
2 tablespoons of glycerine



TIPS: Microwave in a large tub for 10 seconds for better bubbles!

Other things to blow out of:

Funnels
Plastic tubes
Rope tied in a hoop
Tennis racquet
Plastic netting



Finger Paints

You need:

2 cups white flour
2 cups cold water
Food coloring

TIPS: Add other materials to make it a differing sensory experience.

Instead of food colouring, use powdered jelly to add colour and strong scent.

Allow children to play with this on a plastic surface then take a print.

Put paint onto a plastic mirror to get a nice reflection back when playing, again take print.

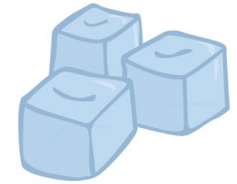
Warm in microwave, just prior to use.

Put in shallow tray and use feet.

Ice Fun!

You need:

Ice



TIPS: Put water into moulds with children.

Freeze objects into ice.

Grate to make snow.

Provide salt to melt ice.

Use range of moulds eg. small balloons and gloves.

Add food colouring before freezing.

Layer up different colours as they freeze.

Put ice in water and add toy boats, penguins, etc.

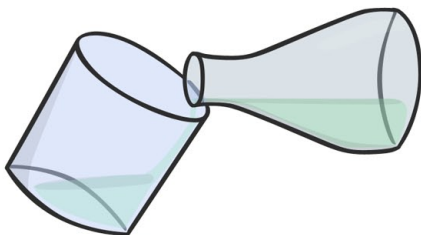
Laboratory

You need:

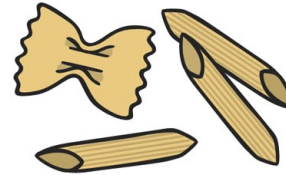
Cooking oil	Water
Vinegar	Ketchup
Baking powder	Corn flour
Baby oil	Flour
Salt	Ice
Sugar	Food colouring
Bicarbonate of soda	
Spoons	Lolly sticks
Plastic pots	Pipettes
Plastic bottles	Cloths



Use the materials to create a fun laboratory and encourage mixing and experimenting!



Pasta



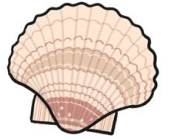
You need:

Pasta shapes/ spaghetti
Food colouring
Water
Cooking oil

1. Cook pasta according to packet.
2. Add food colouring to water before cooking and plenty of oil to prevent sticking and make it slimy.
3. When cooked, rinse well with hot water.

Try different pasta shapes and using instant noodles for speed.

Nature Fun!



Soil: Add dinosaurs, bugs, animals, garden tools, pots etc.

Turf: Add dinosaurs, animals, tractors, small people etc.

Autumn leaves: Give children a wheel barrow to collect and put into paddling pool to jump in.

Hay/ straw: Smells great, children can make nests, feed animals etc. Provide hay bail to pull apart great for motor skills.

Feathers: Large amount of craft feathers in paddling pool to sit in.

Shells: A large selection presented on blue material, shiny metal trays or child safe mirrors.

Flax Fun!

You need:

Packet of flax
Water

TIPS: Give to children to play with dry.

It is very silky and slides between your fingers.

Add water and boil to make a very glutinous mixture.

Semolina

You need:

1 cup sand
½ cup corn flour
¾ cup hot water

TIPS: Use as an alternative to sand, it has a lovely texture and is great for pouring.

It forms little balls when wet.

Allow children to mix with water to make a very sticky and grainy paste.



Tapioca

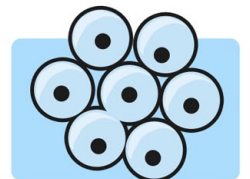
You need:

Packet of tapioca
Water
Food colouring

TIPS: Allow children to explore dry tapioca as it is a great alternative to sand and feels great, but can become very static.

Boil tapioca according to instructions using water instead of milk, add food colouring.

Great for putting in the water tray as frogs spawn.



Colour Mix



Play Dough

Give children balls of primary colours, allow them to mix.

Hand Painting

Paint one hand one colour and the other another. Rub hands together to make new one.

Water

Add primary coloured food colour to clear pots of water. Use syringes or pipettes to transfer water to another pot and create new colours.

Sugar Paints



You need:

Icing Sugar
Powder paint
Water

1. Make a thin solution of icing sugar and water. Spread over paper.
2. Sprinkle powder paint over paper.
3. Allow to dry (takes a long time).
4. It dries shiny.

Cereal Fun

Rice Crispies

Add water and colouring, listen and squish.

Oats

Dry - avoid excessive eating. Add water to make squishy & silky.

Wheat Biscuits

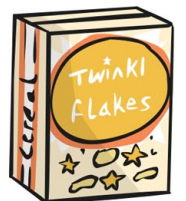
Float on water.
Mix with water.

Cornflakes

Mix with water and colour.

Chereos

Thread on to string or make them float on water.



Sands Good!



TIPS: Add a splash of water and washing up liquid for another sensory element.

Add food colouring too.

Add PVA glue and a dash of paint, paint on card and then dry to create a longer term creation.

Add glitter.

Add metal objects and children use magnets to find the objects.

Use in a shallow tray, add paintbrushes and allow to make marks.

Put a shallow amount of sand on top of a bright picture or mirror. Children move sand until they find the picture.

Silky Dough

You need:

8 parts flour
1 part baby oil

Mix together, it will be soft but holds together like wet sand.

Add a splash of food colouring.

Use different scents of baby oil, appropriate to colour.



Salt Dough

You will need:

4 cups of salt
1 cup of corn flour
Water

1. Mix salt and corn flour in pan.

2. Add enough water to form a paste.

3. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly.

