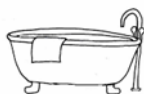
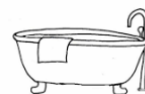


Daily tips for Playful Learning at Home – Number 28



Bath time fun!



Bath time is part of a child's routine so why not make the most of it!

It is easy to make this a learning opportunity as you play and talk together with your child.

No need for special toys just allow time for your child to explore.

What do I need?

A few of any of the following:

Empty plastic containers for example: margarine tubs, yoghurt pots, plastic bottles.

Other items such as: a sieve, plastic jug, cork, sponge, metal spoon.

What will your child learn from this play?

An understanding of:

Empty and full, size and quantities, floating and sinking, weight

Hand eye coordination skills

Focus and concentration

What do we do?

At bath time provide a selection of items for your child to explore.

Encourage them to pour water from one container to another.

Comment when they pour the water from one container to another using words to describe what is happening like 'that one is full' and 'now it is empty' or 'Wow it is nearly full', or 'it is nearly empty'.

Help them identify the size of the containers they are using by joining in their play 'you've got a big (or the biggest) bottle can I use the small (smallest) bottle?'

You can count how many small containers it takes to fill another big container.

Explore together which items sink and float.

How can you take it further?

By providing screw top lids for any bottles children can develop their fine motor skills which are important for writing. Help your child to put the lids on if they are interested.

Explore what happens when you fill a bottle and put the lid on and if you empty it and put the lid on – I wonder if they will sink or float?

Play & talk together
Be careful with too many questions

Pause and wait for your child to respond
Copy what they say and add to it