

WATER PLAY - KORIKORI WAI

Ideas for Equipment

- water trough, baby bath, large basins and containers to hold water
- plastic, wood or metal items that won't break or rust
- containers for pouring, measuring, squeezing
- cups, colanders, sieves, funnels, spoons, clear tubing, bottles, water wheel, watering cans
- natural materials such as shells, drift wood, cones, stones etc
- aprons, towels, buckets, detergent to make bubbles, food colouring, large plastic container to store equipment
- washable dolls and clothes, etc for role play

Ideas to help with literacy and numeracy

Introduce language and vocabulary such as full, empty, drip, puddle, wet, cold, freeze, float, sink, pour, fill, damp, dry, half, quarter etc.

Make a variety of equipment containers and attach pictures so children can sort equipment into the correct container

Try some experiments with ice, food colouring and salt, floating and sinking, bubbles, containers with measurements etc

Talk about nature and how we need water to stay healthy and grow food



- Adults need to supervise water play at all times.
- Protect children from the sun with hats, sunscreen and shade.
- Water play is soothing, relaxing, clean and non threatening for all children
- Water play encourages concentration and co-ordination and above all is fun!

A REAP Wairarapa Early Childhood eResource

REAP Wairarapa brings you a series of eResources that can be emailed to you or downloaded from the REAP website. Our staff are endeavouring to make these activities that you can do in your own home with your children.

eResource provided by Jude Mitchell - Early Childhood Team Leader

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