

Let's Play with Loose Parts



What are loose parts?

Loose parts are materials/objects that can become anything! They can be found lying around the house or outdoors e.g. sticks, toilet roll tubes, empty yoghurt pots, dry pasta, leaves, acorns, the list is endless.

How can you help?

Provide loose parts to play with, let children find their own loose parts. Sometimes it's about stepping back and letting your children play. Let them roll with it and see what they come up with. Watch what they are doing and if they look for your support step in and help them.



**WORK TOGETHER
PLAY TOGETHER
SUCCEED TOGETHER**

When we play with loose parts, we are:

- Using our imagination, creativity, problem solving, curiosity, exploration and ability to make decisions and create connections.
- Working with others, turn taking, negotiating, listening to others views
- Developing key life skills that we will use throughout our education and beyond.
- Developing our maths, literacy and wellbeing through play with loose parts.

Loose pARTs Play

Ribbons & FEaThERs EGG cartons and ACorns
SHELLS and leaVES wool & string MILK CRATES AND BASINS
POTS & PaNs Baking trays & MUD Sand & STones
Kitchen utensils – spOOons, potatO masher, SIEVES
Hammer and nails Sticks and stones twigs & felt
Silk and tin foil Tarpaulin & DRIfWOOD
Velcro ROLLERS and Sponges Brushes AND PAINT
Dried pasta and PULSES Guttering and TYRES Cardboard
PLasTIC bottles and TOPS DOLLY pegs and CURTAIN rings
FuNNels and WAtER Plant POTs and wood Pallets
Rope, Wool and RiBBon STRAW bales and wood
KeYs and cove moulding BamboO and baskets
ShEets and ChALK Hessian and buckets

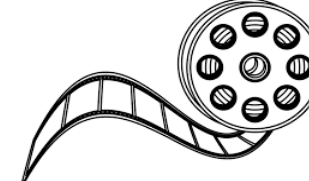
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Click the image bellow for more information and ideas on loose parts.



Playing together is really important for developing your child's Language, which is vital for their learning in all areas.

A few top tips to get the most out of playing together!

- ✓ Get down to your child's level & play face-to-face
- ✓ Follow your child's lead in play
- ✓ Repeat new words often
- ✓ Most importantly – HAVE FUN!!!!!!

