Watery Waterfalls

Overview

The children become water engineers in a free-flow area to build, fill, pour, and splash water everywhere. It allows the children to practise motor skills while having an enriched sensory experience through water play.



Activities

Set up a splash pad area and leave items to build with to guide water through, for example, guttering to hit the tuff tray below and splash! Provide smaller items such as pebbles and corks, as well as tools to fill and pour with. Try to find a range of items that will behave differently in waterfalls. Invite the children to use their imagination to build and play.

Equipment

- Waterproof clothing and footwear
- Towels
- Guttering and holders
- Tuff trays/containers
- Watering cans/measuring jugs/cups
- Corks
- Pebbles
- Floating ducks
- Solar Fountains
- Plant Sprayers.

The Benefits

- Fine: working on finger, hand and wrist strength while positioning and manipulating smaller items.
- Gross: working on the larger muscles while manipulating the larger items for water to run down.

Progression in Learning

- Infants – using a tuff tray/container with a little water add items that float to explore with our hands and work on hand-eye coordination.
- Toddlers – set up a water tray with smaller guttering that ducks can travel down when pouring water. Encourage splashing hands and exploring items at the bottom of the container as well as floating toys.