



HAVE FUN WITH WATER

Fun ideas for you to try at home!
Water play activities are fun for bath time or outside on warm days. Talk with your children about things like: *How much? How full? What happens if?*



Experiment and talk about how and why things happen

Fill a container with water and gather items from around the house and garden. You could use leaves, lids, corks, rocks and cotton wool. Place them in the water to see what floats and what sinks. Ask your children to guess what they think will happen before you put the object in the water.

Use containers that are different shapes and sizes

Find old containers and bottles to compare sizes, transfer water and squirt water at a target. Use water to paint fences, walls and paths or make little boats using lids, matchboxes, wooden pop sticks and paper.

Talk about items that float, sink and have air inside. This helps develop children's speech and gets them to learn and explore. Ask questions, discover and laugh!

Idea:
Add vegetable dye or food colouring to make coloured water.

Note:
Never leave your children alone to play water games.

To make bubbles, stir detergent into a bucket of water or use the following recipe:

What you'll need

- ¼ cup of glycerine*
- ½ cup of water
- 1 tablespoon of liquid detergent

How to make it

Simply stir everything together in a bucket.

Use different household items to blow bubbles. You can use a whisk, coat hanger, pipe cleaner or sieve.

* Glycerine is available from the health and beauty section at most supermarkets and pharmacies.