



Daily tips for Playful Learning at Home



Rainbow Snow!

Make the most of the snowy weather and have some fun outside. This activity doesn't involve picking up the snow so no soggy gloves or wet clothes, and it doesn't matter too much if the snow is no longer shiny and new.

The contrast of the colours on the white snow can be fun to look at, and children will explore making patterns and artwork. You could even involve the rest of the family and have an art show

What do I need?

- Empty bottles of any kind
 - Shampoo bottles with clicky lids
 - or spray bottles are particularly good
 - or just make some holes in the top of any empty bottle.
- Some food colouring
- Some clean and safe snow to play outside

What will your child learn from this play?

- Gross motor skills
- Fine motor skills
- Colours
- Pre handwriting skills
- Positive interactions and language
- Mark-making and foundations of writing

What do we do?

Fill the empty bottles with water and a little food colouring and take them out into the snow.

Use the bottles to spray the food colouring to make patterns and marks on the snow. Y

Allow your child to just make any patterns they like but comment on what the patterns may look like (straight lines, circles, splats, drips, blotches....)

Use different colours and talk about what colours they are.

Try mixing different colours in the snow and see what happens

Stamp on the coloured snow to see crazy coloured footprints!

How can you take it further?

Don't worry about trying to make letters but you could try to show your child how to make straight lines, diagonal lines, circles and patterns.

Try drawing some simple pictures – faces etc

Make a rainbow!

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