

At home with childminders and parents

More creative and fun ideas to support your child's learning
that are linked to our theme of '**WATER**'

Big fish fun

- Visit the library to find non-fiction books about sea creatures. Show children the index and contents pages and discuss how they are used.
- Talk about fictional sea creatures your children may be familiar with, such as, the Little Mermaid, Nemo and SpongeBob SquarePants.
- Talk with your children about sharing as you are serving a meal or sharing out things, such as grapes or biscuits.
- Make a visit to the seaside – have fun playing in the sea, skimming pebbles and looking in rock pools! Or make a visit to a nearby aquarium to see underwater creatures close up and where you might even be able to touch them.

Pirate play

- Transform a large box into a pirate ship and go on an imaginary pirate adventure. Design your very own family pirate flag to attach to the ship and which you can plant in any new lands that you discover on your travels.
- Plan a treasure hunt around the house or in the garden. Make a simple map and have some surprise treasure waiting to be discovered!
- Have a look at a road map or atlas and try and find where you live. Locate place names and identify different keys for roads, rivers and places of interest.

Water work

- Make ice lollies (use the recipe on page 16) and talk about the changes that take place in the water when it is at room temperature and then when it is frozen.
- Fill a washing-up bowl (or the bath) with water – have fun with floating and sinking different objects. Always closely supervise your child near water.
- Invite children to help with the washing-up or play 'washing-up' with their own toy tea set.
- Have fun dressing up in wet weather gear and splashing in puddles!

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