



Things to do when playing with water

What you can do

Fill a bowl or the sink with water

Put on aprons and cover the floor

- Float ducks/ coloured bath toys, catch them with a net
- Plastic doll and sponge to wash doll
- Play with objects to see if they sink or float
- Coloured water (food colouring) with different size and shape coloured ice cubes to put Arctic animals in and on
- Squeeze sponges
- Put plastic tea set in to wash up/ make tea/ fill and pour
- Put plastic animals in the water
- Make a paper or foil boat to float

Make believe: pretend to be a mum washing a baby – chat to the doll as if the doll can hear you; wash up the cups and plates after a pretend party, talk about what you had to eat and who came to the party; create the arctic and pretend to be the voices of the animals who live there

Language for thinking: Compare the size of containers; predict how many fish you are going to catch; think of ways to solve problems – how are we going to catch this?

What you can talk about

What things are like: wet, dry, soggy, slimy, full, empty, transparent, opaque, dirty, clean

What you are doing: splashing, swimming, sinking, floating, washing, bathing, catching, pouring, draining, flowing

