

Bathtime Floating & Sinking (1-2 Years)

You will need: (examples)

- Sponge
- Shampoo bottle
- Metal spoon
- Plastic toys such as boats
- Bowls and cups

The Activity:

- During bath time add objects to the water that either float or sink.
- Encourage your child to explore how the objects react by trying to push floating objects down and stopping the sinking objects.
- Talk to your child about what is happening.
- Expect your child to be repetitive as they experience how each of objects react in the water.

Keeping Everyone Safe

Gloop play can get very messy! Ensure you have non-slip mat or cloth.



Extending the activity:

- Add objects that you can fill up such as cups and jugs
- Add objects that will let water flow through such as sieves and colanders

How this supports your child's learning:

Playing with water gives many opportunities to develop fine and gross motor skills as well as language skills. Children will increase their fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination through actions such as pouring, squeezing and pushing. Introducing new language whilst playing and will help children link a new word to what it means.



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