



Water Fun Day

When the weather gets hot, the children get crabby. Cool them down and cheer them up with a day dedicated to water play. (You might want to bring some towels and spare clothes, in case a few of them get too wet.)

Set out any of the following, and let the children help themselves:

Small plant spray bottles Set to 'mist' for gentle water fights that don't get them soaked straightaway, or set to 'jet' spray and use it to shoot at targets, write name on pavement etc. Empty Froot Shoot type bottles also work quite well. (Proper 'super-soaker' type water pistols tend to result with everyone getting wet and upset very quickly.)

Jugs and small watering cans (Homebase, or any garden centre) and **large buckets** or **TubTrugs**. The children enjoy just pouring the water from one container to another. If you don't have an outside tap, we found that keeping one huge TubTrug full of water for the children to use to refill their various vessels resulted in less mess than letting each of them trek in and out of the hall to fill up their jugs inside.

Funky Fountain (£35 from Creative Cascade). Squirty, squealy water fun. Provide containers for the children to collect the water, saves having to refill buckets so often and hopefully means they don't get quite so wet!

<http://www.creativecascade.co.uk/products/funky-fountain/>

Paper boats Get them making paper boats somewhere dry then float them in a wide shallow TubTrug or tray. If you supply some straws the children can provide the 'wind' for some boat races. For paper boat instructions, try:

<http://www.patchofpuddles.co.uk/making-paper-boats>

Water mazes This is like a giant marble run, with lots of fun to be had constructing channels, pouring the water, and floating items along them. Make your own (see our Water Maze activity) or buy a ready-made kit (try Creative Cascade or Early Years Resources)

Areas of learning and development:

PSED Personal, Social and Emotional Development
 PD Physical development
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