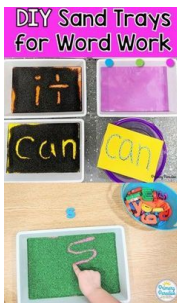


Week 3 - Sand Play

We hope you are all well and staying safe.

This half term, our topic would have been treasure island. This week's focus is on sand and how to use sand to help encourage learning and to have fun.

- Mark making in sand is a great way to practice making patterns and letters of the alphabet.



- What can I see - encourage the children to explore objects within the sand using their senses e.g. twigs, leaves etc...



- Using wet sand and cutters, help the children to develop their fine motor skills through using the cutters to make shapes
- Add shaving foam to sand for a sensory experience (sand foam)
- Sand kitchen - add some water to the sand and use old cooking utensils e.g. bowls, wooden spoons, frying pans etc... to roleplay cooking food.
- Practice pouring sand using cups and jugs from one container to another.
- Make coloured sand using food colouring - take some sand in a bowl and add some food colouring. Using the flat part of a large spoon, make large strokes over the sand to blend the colour evening. Stir and repeat large stroke actions. Add a little more food colouring if needed to achieve desired colour. Place the wet sand out onto a paper towel and plate or newspaper. Using a large spoon spread the wet sand out to dry.