

Stimulates innovation, creativity, imagination which develop in a natural way.

Children are exploring a wide range of objects in size, shape, weight & texture which will aid their mathematical concepts.

Group objects together in small piles for the children to access easily

Develops children's fine motor skills and hand/eye coordination.

Children will transport a variety of objects from one place to another.

Give the children time to wander around exploring the objects at their own pace.



Heuristic Play

A selection of objects placed together can support learning and development.

If in doubt about an object-**DO NOT USE**

Be available to support if needed

Heuristic play is deeply rooted in any child's natural curiosity where the child leads the exploration. It consists of offering the children a large amount of different objects, which are everyday items or natural, where they can explore freely, the objects offer open-ended discoveries to the children. They can handle objects, gather, fill, empty, stack and select. Heuristic play supports children's personal, social & emotional development by making choices and exploration & offers excitement & wonder.

Heuristic play links to the three Prime areas of learning. (Elinor Goldschmied- Leader on Heuristic play)

