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.

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.



Keeping Everyone Safe

Gloop play can get very messy! Ensure you have non-slip mat or cloth. Words to introduce during the activity to support language development

Float Above Full
Sink Below Empty
Holes Heavy Bottom
Watch Light Splash

TOP TIP:

Use everyday household objects you don't to buy anything special and it helps children understand the world around them.



Use the space below to make not of some items that you tested. Did they sink or float? What other items could you test next time?

SINK	FLOAT	NEXT TIME