

Activity Ideas for Early Years SEN

Make Edible Sand & a Jelly Sea

Make blue/green jelly for the sea and put in large tray over toy creatures and let set. Blitz cereal in a food processor. Pour onto one end of the tub or tray and bury favourite objects in the sand and decorate with shells/pebbles/ferns.



Make Marvellous Mixtures



Get a collection of herbs, spices, even ingredients such as vinegar, cornflour, honey – anything edible, cheap, easily available with lots of different smells and textures, Get a large mixing bowl, different sized spoons and a big mixing spoon and make your Marvellous Mixture. Add more and more ingredients until it's a huge stinky mess and you have to tear the mixture maker away so you can clear up!

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Put Favourite Objects in a Bubble

Make some bubble liquid (see the recipe in the Free Resources section on the website), and decide whether you want to go small or big!

If you want to enclose a small toy, put around 1 cm of bubble mixture in a tray, pupil's work and book trays in school are ideal. You need a ring that will fit around the object you want to enclose or your hands will do (shown in the video). You can use a juggling ring, small hula hoop, cut out thick cardboard, a destring racquet or similar.



Place this ring or hands over the object, and in the tray surrounding the object. Carefully pull up, and the object will be enclosed in a bubble.



Want to go a bit bigger! Yes you do! Get two cheap paddling pools, one slightly smaller than the other, and a hula hoop that will fit inside the larger pool. Fill the OUTER pool with a shallow layer of bubble mixture and place the hula hoop inside.

Stand or sit the child inside the dry inner pool. Making sure your hands which touch the hoop are wet, pull the hoop up out of the pool carefully, so that the child is inside the giant bubble! (Make sure you are using my Giant Bubble Recipe for this)

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Bubble Foam Patting/Clapping

This is really simple but always so popular with our young and older SEND groups.

Make bubble foamers (use our tutorial, its quick and easy). Mix baby shampoo with water to make a watery solution. Dip the end of the foamer in and blow, and make a huge pile of foam covering a tray or safe surface.

Use both hands to pat the foam down, squish it, hide things in it, make a wonderful mess with it

Use a light cloth (e-cloth/muslin/square of t shirt material) to pat it down, squish and flatten it (it feels amazing!)

Make a pile of foam on the child's hand and get them to CLAP!

