

Our Continuous Provision Curriculum Clay

Clay has so many endless possibilities and can be a really helpful indicator of children's level of development in manipulative skills, confidence, vocabulary, concentration and imagination. Children access clay with a range of open ended resources - anything from wooden blocks to plastic tubes and small world objects. The intention is always to work in a child-led way initially, to observe, interact and then respond to the children's interests as we get to know them.

Clay play supports developmental growth. Manipulating (squishing, squeezing, pulling, pushing, etc) a piece of clay helps develops the child's large and small muscles - improving dexterity. Fosters eye-hand coordination and builds a child's ability to focus/builds attention span.

Develops mathematical understanding; fosters early pattern making, builds an experiential understanding of 3-dimensional shapes, and tactical experience of size and weight differences

Literacy development - builds vocabulary - pound, pinch, roll, flatten, poke, tear, squeeze, coil, stretch, squash, twist, and bend; supports creative story telling with clay pieces.

And so much more!



Areas of learning covered during Clay Play: Communication & Language; Personal, Social and Emotional; Physical, Numeracy, Literacy, Understanding the World, Expressive Art and Design.