

Two Year Old Provision - Understanding the World

Programme of Study	Knowledge, Skills and Understanding	Activity/Links to Topics
Materials	Explore materials with different properties. Explore natural materials, indoors and outside.	Provide open-ended play materials inside and outdoors. Treasure Baskets for repeated exploration of textures, sounds, smells and tastes linked with Autumn, Halloween, Bonfire Night, Christmas, Winter, Spring and Easter and Summer. Offer lots of different textures for exploration with fingers, feet and whole body: wet and dry sand, water, paint and playdough.
The Natural World	Explore and respond to different natural phenomena in their setting.	Encourage children to enjoy and explore the natural world such as standing in the rain with wellies and umbrellas - walking through tall grass - splashing in puddles, exploring snow. Encourage children to carefully plant, water and look after plants they have grown from seeds. Grow seeds linked to the children's interests. Name Spring farm animals - lamb, chick, piglet. Encourage children to enjoy and explore the natural world such as - looking for worms and minibeasts - sharing the fascination of a child who finds woodlice teeming under an old log - modelling the careful handling of a worm and helping children return it to the dug-up soil.
Seasons	Explore and respond to different natural phenomena in their setting and on trips.	Encourage children to bring natural materials into the setting, such as leaves and conkers picked up from the pavement or park during autumn. Encourage children to explore Spring by seeing the spring daffodils and cherry blossom. Encourage children to enjoy and explore the natural world such as - creating a beach within the provision and exploring the sand, pebbles and paddling.