## EYFS Continuous Provision in Reception: WATER

EYFS Principles into Practice		By RG		
I. A Unique Child	2. Positive Relationships	3. Enabling Environments	4. Learning & Development Primary Sc	
Every child is a competent learner from birth who can be	Children learn to be strong and independent from a base of	The environment plays a key role in supporting and extending	Children develop and learn in different ways and at differen	
resilient, capable, confident and self-assured.	loving and secure relationships with parents and/or a key	children's development and learning.	rates and all areas of Learning and Development are equally	
	personi		important and inter-connected.	
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Key Learning Objectives Linked To Early Learning Goals

Personal, Social & Emotional	Communication & Language	Mathematics	Knowledge of the World	Personal Development	Expressive Arts & Design		
Development							
Children Learning To							
Select and use activities and resources	Use language to imagine & recreate	Recognise, count, order, write and use	Ask questions about why things happen,	Demonstrate fine motor control and co-	Capture & represent experiences in a		
independently.	roles & experiences.	rumbers (to 20+).	how things work, similarities, differences	ordination.	variety of media/materials.		
Take turns and share fairly.	Interact with others, negotiating plans,	Use developing mathematical ideas and	pattern and change.	Show awareness of space, of self and	Explore colour, shape, texture, form &		
Be interested, motivated and excited to	activities & taking turns in conversation.	methods to solve problems.	Investigate objects and materials & talk	others around them.	space in 2 or 3 dimensions.		
learn.	Use talk to organise & clarify thinking &	Use the vocabulary of addition &	about features, likes and dislikes.	Handle equipment, tools, objects,	Explore changing sounds and sound		
Maintain attention and concentrate.	explore vocabulary.	subtraction.	Select appropriate resources, tools &	construction & malleable materials safely	patterns.		
Understand that people have different	Retell stories.	Sort, match & describe sets.	techniques for activities.	& with control.	Use imagination in imaginative & role		
needs, views, feelings, cultures and	Form letters correctly and experiment	Use everyday words to describe position.	Revise, adapt & evaluate work	Recognise how to keep safe & healthy.	play and design & making.		
beliefs.	with mark-making to write letter shapes,	Use language to describe size, quantity	Describes key features & properties.		Express & communicate ideas &		
Be confident to try new activities, initiate	known words and phonic attempts at	& position.			thoughts in a range of contexts.		
ideas and speak in a familiar group.	words.				Sing simple songs from memory, E.g.		
Form good relationships.	Blend sounds in words to read simple				'Big Blue Boat'.		
	regular words.						

## Children Learn By...

- \* making marks and patterns with decorating brushes on walls/ground outdoors
- creating environments for small world play
- \* experiencing role play (baby bathing, washing clothes, cooking, potions, washing up...)
- creating environments for retelling/imagining stories (pirates, Noah, diving adventure...)
- \* singing and acting out songs (Incy Wincy, 10 green bottles...)
- \* fishing in the water for items to sort, count, add or order
- \* fishing in the water with magnets for metal objects/addition fish etc
- \* fishing in the water for letters to build words (eg nets and cvc ping pong balls)
- ❖ filling, emptying, measuring capacity and comparing (putting lids on bottles for FMC)
- pouring, sprinkling and squirting water and mixing colours
- \* exploring different qualities of coloured, soapy, warm, cold, frozen and thickened water
- \* investigating floating and sinking and materials in water
- \* investigating wet & dry/drying and different weathers/wet weather clothes, umbrellas etc
- investigating natural materials and sea/pond life
- \* making independent choices
- \* taking turns in area (signposted 2) and sharing equipment
- ❖ looking after resources and keeping the area safe & tidy
- playing safely and understanding about washing hands, bodies, clothes and drinking fresh water
- \* exploring the varied ways to use water for movement (e.g. water wheels, cascade pipes etc)
- \* exploring water using all senses as appropriate (water in buckets, tray and from weather)
- \* developing fine motor control & coordination (screwing tops on filled bottles etc)
- problem solving challenges

## Organisation...

The main water tray is in an accessible area of the setting in the internal covered area. The area is big enough to be accessed by 2 children comfortably. There is a water tray available in the outside area. There are smaller bowls, builder's tray, pipes, tubes & cascades outside. Buckets & brushes are used to mark-make & support letter formation. Children are supported in using the area safely & maintaining the area tidily. Aprons & a mop are always available. Each week different resources are provided to extend children's thinking and learning through their play. For example adults may provide a range of jugs, funnels, bottles with lids, bricks and green water, alongside the words for 10 green bottles. This stimulus will usually remain for I week in order to allow children to repeat the activities, with their own or adult nudged extension. Also children know they will get opportunities to access the activity throughout the week and don't need to 'jostle for position' to access it. It is always accepted that children may request specific equipment from our storage boxes to be provided as and when appropriate.

## Key vocabulary...

- Water
- Ice/melt
- Wet/dry/damp
- ♦ Mix
- \* Sieve/funnel
- Trickle/sprinkle/squirt
- Pour
- Full/fill
- Empty/half
- Float/sink/swim
- ♦ Wash/drink
- Weather vocabulary
- Boat vocabulary
- Sea, river and pond vocabulary
- Senses (see, hear, touch, smell & taste as appropriate)

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