Nature Ice

...giving children the best start

Early Learning Goal: personal, social and emotional development: building relationships: work and play co– operatively take turns with others.

You are your child's teacher:

Use descriptive language say what you see.

Avoid asking questions.

Listen to your child.

Give your child time to think and reply.

During the activity use words such as;

Ice, cold, frozen, smooth, dripping, inside, bash, smash, melt.

You will need:

Some empty containers to freeze items in such as yoghurt pots. Plastic tubs or ice cube tray of different sizes if you have them.

natural treasures leaves, flowers and sticks work really well. why not collect items from your garden or local natural area.

Make the ice treasures – do this the evening before you want to do with the activity

- You can do this by yourself or involve your child.
- Fill each container with water and add natural treasures to each one, you could use one container or a few.
- Add the filled containers into your freezer and leave overnight.

Exploring the nature ice activity

- Have an apron on your child or a change of clothes ready because they might get wet!
- Take the containers out of the freezer a few minutes before you want to use them.
- Have a few bowls or trays ready to put the nature ice in so that your child can explore them. It might help to put a towel down to catch any drips.
- Let you child explore the ice with the object inside, give them a spoon to bash the ice with and to try to get the natural object that is enclosed inside.
- If the ice is not easy to melt, add a little warm water to a bowl and place the nature ice in and explore what