

**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 your 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

