

Our Continuous Provision Curriculum

Loose Parts Play

Introducing simple, everyday objects can improve children's creativity, boost social and problem-solving skills and support inclusion. A loose parts toy, is open-ended; children may use it in many ways and combine with other loose-parts through imagination and creativity. Loose parts play develops skills across the whole curriculum. It is child-led, and helps children strengthen their independence and sense of self. It helps children observe, enquire, investigate, construct, deconstruct and engage with both others and the world around them. Loose parts play has many benefits, both for the child and for the adults involved in it. For example, it is low cost and easy to set up. There are many types of loose parts. Materials in a variety of colours, textures and sizes can be introduced throughout a learning space or home to inspire play and creativity. In considering what to include, it can be easiest to begin with what you already have on hand.

Loose parts play is predominantly child-led, and this has a tremendous impact on independence. Children get to set the agenda, think up their own ideas, and just generally think for themselves. They become constructors of their own universe, makers of their existence. It helps children to think for themselves and believe in themselves.



Areas of learning covered during Loose Parts play: Communication & Language; Personal, Social and Emotional; Physical, Mathematics, Literacy, Understanding the World, Expressive Art and Design.