

How can you engage your child in learning opportunities through play...

Personal and Social Opportunities

- Waiting turn
- Spatial awareness
- Making friends
- Taking risks – adult to encourage and support
- Set challenges

Imagination

- Space ship, pirate ship, castle etc – child led interests
- Making potions, recipes
- Finding dinosaur fossils
- Join in with play if allowed

Mathematical opportunities

- Counting steps, rungs, bounces, throws and catches, skips etc
- Reinforce positional language above/below/next to/first/after
- Estimating distances thrown, kicked etc

...in the garden/park

Physical Opportunities

- Opportunities for throwing, catching, kicking, hitting.
- Climbing, sliding, swinging
- Running, rolling, spinning...
- Skipping
- Den building
- Digging, sieving, mixing.

Speaking and Listening, extending vocabulary

- Leave devices in pocket or out of reach!
- Let your child lead the conversation.
- Sharing ideas
- Role play|
- Extending vocabulary by identifying plants and bugs

Sensory Opportunities

- What can you see, hear, smell, taste, feel?
- Reactions to movements such as spinning and swinging.
- What is it like to be out of breath?
- Digging in soil/mud.
- Handling minibeasts