

H2 Home learning ideas Summer 2024



Indoor Activities

1. Role Play - Chocolate Factory

Resources: Dress-up costumes, toy chocolate-making equipment, pretend chocolate bars. Set-up: Set up a role play area with a table, chairs, and props like aprons, hats, and chocolate-making tools. Questions to Ask: "What ingredients do we need to make chocolate?", "How does chocolate change from solid to liquid?"

2. Sensory Play - Taste Testing

Resources: Different flavours of chocolate, blindfolds, taste testing cards. Set-up: Arrange a variety of chocolates for tasting, provide blindfolds for sensory experience. Questions to Ask: "Which chocolate do you like best?", "Can you describe the taste of the chocolate?"

3. Art and Craft - Food Collage

Resources: Magazines, glue, paper, scissors. Set-up: Provide materials for children to cut out pictures of food items from magazines and create a collage. Questions to Ask: "What is your favourite food to include in your collage?", "Can you name the colours you used?"

4. Sensory Table Exploration:

Resources: Various sensory materials like kinetic sand, slime, and water beads. Set-Up: Fill sensory tables with different materials for children to explore. Questions to Ask: What does it feel like? Can you describe it?

5. Model Making Area:

Resources: Playdough, modelling clay, pipe cleaners. Set-Up: Provide materials for children to create models of what they see. Questions to Ask: Can you sculpt what you see around you? What shape are you making?

6. Science Investigation Station:

Resources: Magnifying glasses, simple science kits. Set-Up: Set up a station for children to investigate objects closely. Questions to Ask: What can you observe that is different from what you see at first glance? Why do you think that is?

7. Technology Exploration Corner:

Resources: Tablets, digital cameras. Set-Up: Encourage children to take photos or videos of what they see around them. Questions to Ask: What did you discover when you looked through the camera lens? How can technology help us explore our surroundings?

Outdoor Activities

1. Mud Kitchen - Chocolate Mud Pies

Resources: Mud kitchen equipment, containers, spoons, mud. Set-up: Create a mud kitchen area with pots and pans for making chocolate mud pies. Questions to Ask: "What ingredients would you use in your chocolate mud pie?", "How does mud feel compared to real chocolate?"

2. Planting - Growing Herbs for Cooking

Resources: Herb seeds, soil, watering cans. Set-up: Allocate a garden area for children to plant herbs like mint or basil for future use in cooking activities. Questions to Ask: "How do we take care of plants to help them grow?", "Why do you think herbs are important in cooking?"

3. Physical Play - Fruit and Vegetable Hunt

Resources: Picture cards of fruits and vegetables, baskets. Set-up: Hide picture cards around the outdoor area for children to find and match to real fruits or vegetables. Questions to Ask: "Can you find the apple picture card?", "What colour is the carrot?"

4. Environmental Scavenger Hunt:

Resources: Clipboards, binoculars, checklist of items to find. Set-Up: Organize a scavenger hunt for children to search for items in the outdoor environment.

Questions to Ask: What have you found that is natural? How is that different from something man-made?

5. Outdoor Photography Club:

Resources: Cameras, nature guides. Set-Up: Establish a photography club where children capture images of nature. Questions to Ask: How did you choose the angle for your photo? What details did you want to show in your picture?

6. Garden Ecosystem Exploration:

Resources: Bug viewers, magnifying glasses, field guides. Set-Up: Encourage children to explore the garden ecosystem and observe different insects and plants. Questions to Ask: What do you notice about how this insect moves? How do you think it helps the plants around it?

7. Outdoor Art Installation:

Resources: Natural materials like leaves, twigs, rocks. Set-Up: Invite children to create an art installation using items found in the outdoor environment.

Questions to Ask: What inspired your outdoor art piece? How does the environment influence your creation?