

Rain Maker Activity

How to make a sensory rain maker

Equipment needed;

- Kitchen roll tube (or card rolled into a tube shape)
- Paper or thin card
- Rice or dried peas
- Decorations
- Sticky tape or glue



What to do;

1. Encourage your child to explore the resources using touch, sight and sound. Play with the rice/peas, running them through their fingers, pouring them, sliding them around the table top and stirring them with their hands for example.
2. Fix one piece of paper over one end of the tube
3. Pour the rice/peas into the tube
4. Cover the other end of the tube with paper
5. Decorate whilst exploring all of the different textures, shapes and materials
6. Play!

Play ideas;

- Encourage your child to shake and roll the instrument
- Experiment with putting the instrument on different surfaces – does the sound or vibration change?
- Can you feel the vibrations on the instrument?
- Can you feel the movement of the lentils/peas on the bottom or side of the instrument?
- What happens if you make big movements with your arms when holding the instrument?
- What happens if you make small movements?
- Can you make two instruments and take turns in mimicking the movements and sounds of each other?
- Practice copying different rhythms and beats.
- Play along with music or add other actions.

