

PLAYING AND HAVING FUN TOGETHER WITH YOUR CHILD- DURING CHILD LED PLAY

**YOU WILL NEED TWO OF EVERYTHING SO THAT YOU
CAN COPY WHAT YOUR CHILD DOES AS THEY PLAY**

WHAT YOU CAN USE FROM AROUND THE HOUSE

Plastic drinking bottles filled with rice /pasta/ glitter water, (make sure bottle tops are fixed securely) pans and spoons, different sized cardboard boxes, old paintbrushes and plastic containers (big yoghurt pot) full of water to paint with outside, flour and a sieve, long pieces of different sized materials of different textures, compost/ water and different sized plant pots, chairs and blankets/sheets to make a shelter/ tent, cardboard tubes of different sizes, sponges and water, different sized containers filled with everyday objects from around the house (keys, sunglasses, mirror, hat, cutlery, old jewellery)

PLAYING TOGETHER

- Let your child choose between two things
- Sit, stand or move around with your child.
However or wherever they choose to play is okay.
- Copy what they are doing with the same object/ things.
- Use words to describe what they are doing eg. Pour, shake, bang or make up a song. Try not to give instructions/ direct them.
- You can do something different with your play materials but don't direct them to copy you. Instead model it again and see if they copy you when you see them watching you.
- This is a time for your child to play in their own way.
- They will enjoy it and notice when you copy them.
- The play things you have chosen are open ended and don't have a right and wrong way of playing with them.
- Above all have fun together whilst you play with your child. Through play your child is learning so many things- problem solving, how to have fun, social skills, new words, how to combine two objects in play, how materials change when you add water to them, about shapes and quantities.