

Tuff tray ideas

- Every tuff tray set up should have the possibilities for learning and development, whether it be intended outcomes or outcomes that may arise during play.
- They can also be adult-led with a purpose to exploring different topics.



Using open-ended questions when interacting will promote critical thinking and problem-solving

Provide mark-making opportunities- post-it notes are always good for this!

Provide different tools, objects and materials in a tuff tray to encourage children to strengthen their fine motor skills.

Always remember when setting up tuff trays to ask yourself the question 'why am I setting this tray up?'. This will support you in ensuring the children get the most out of their tuff tray play. 😊



Using books helps to encourage the development of new language, encourages discussion and understanding of print/letters and book layouts.

Include different textures on your tray- this supports further development of children's understanding of the world around them.

Benefits of recreating children's favourite books:

- ✓ encourages imaginative play
- ✓ supports understanding of the story
- ✓ Supports retelling
- ✓ encourages interactions and reflections.