

Playdough Landscapes

Ages 5-10 · 30 min · Small group

Learning intention

This experience supports children to use imagination and to develop a connection with the natural world.

You'll need

- Playdough
- Natural materials (leaves, sticks, rocks)
- A tray or board as a base

How to do it

1. Children spread playdough across the base to form hills and ground.
2. They press in leaves, sticks and rocks to add trees, paths and features.
3. Encourage children to tell the story of the place they've made.
4. Combine groups' boards into one large shared landscape.

Framework links

MTOP

- **4.1** Children and young people develop a growth mindset and learning dispositions such as curiosity, cooperation, confidence, creativity, commitment, enthusiasm, persistence, imagination and reflexivity
- **2.4** Children and young people become socially responsible and show respect for the environment

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- **3.2.1** Inclusive environment - Outdoor and indoor spaces are organised and adapted to support every child's participation and to engage every child in quality experiences in both built and natural environments.

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