

Ice Play

Ice is a great material for sensory learning, its free (unless you buy a bag) and always available and there lots of scope to how children play with it.

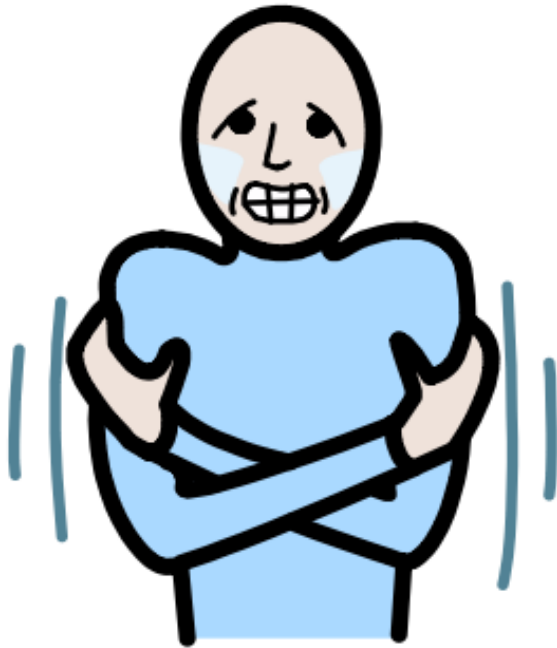
- Create an icy scene with small world toys, in a tray or bathroom sink. Freezing small toys into ice, adding colours, building towers, adding shaving foam and tinfoil with ice cubes are all activities that create learning opportunities.
- Some students enjoy exploring the cold of the ice and feeling it melt. Putting ice in a washing up bowl and putting their feet in is great for wheelchair users.
- Throwing Ice and watching it smash on the floor is exciting for some students, it's a great cause and effect activity that releases some energy.



- Colour some ice with a little bit of paint or food colouring and freeze with a stick pointing up, to make Ice paints. Paint on paper, the back of some old wall paper, tin foil, card board.
- You could add scents to the ice; lemon, cinnamon, lavender, vanilla. This could be a guessing game, likes and dislikes activity or a shared smelling experience.
- Make a simple tactile ice bin, using whatever sized ice you wish and kitchen utensils and allow them to explore in their own way. You may even want to add letters, numbers and turn it into a scavenger hunt!



- Any activity can be explored independently, hand over hand, shared or even modelled.
- You could use key words and signs to encourage communication.



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Freeze



Clawed hands
draw back sharply
Repeat movement

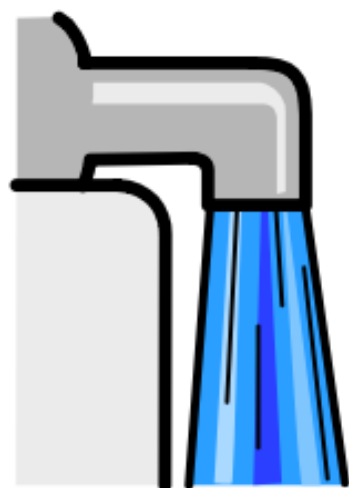
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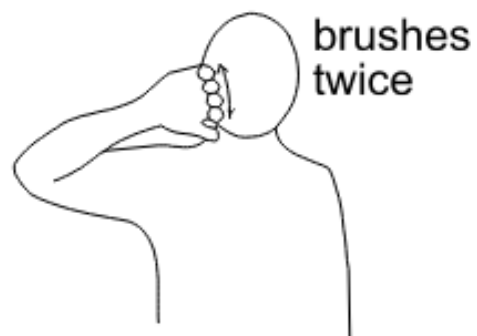
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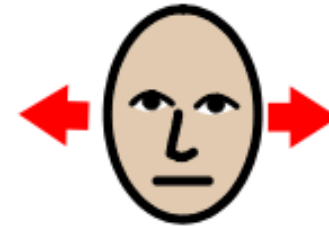
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