

# Wishy Washy Dishy Washy

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*Physical Development*

## What you need:

- ▶ Variety of objects to wash: sit and rides, bikes, dolls, baby clothes, socks, jugs, buckets, hoses, wheelbarrows, kitchen utensils, pipes, gutters, laundry baskets, washing line, pegs, sponges, soap, and cloths
- ▶ Mark making materials

Where Can I Play:  
**Outdoors**

## Let's Play



Place large water containers around the area which children can access easily. Ask the children to use the water to wash the objects. Encourage the children to carry water in buckets to other areas to play with.



## Top Tips



- Stand back and encourage the children to come up with their own ideas rather than suggesting what they might do.
- Read a variety of books, see overleaf, to the children which may influence their choices of dramatic play.

## Questions



- How many buckets of water do you think you will need to wash the trike/ doll/ baby clothes etc.?
- Can you carry the water without spilling it?
- How long do you think it will take the clothes to dry? What helps clothes to dry?



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## Why is this important?

This activity develops strength, gross and fine motor skills, for example, carrying buckets, washing large objects, and using pegs.

### Prime Areas of Learning

- C&L** Talking together using recently introduced vocabulary.
- PSE** Collaborating together to create plans for dramatic play.
- PD** Bending and Stretching.

### Specific Areas of Learning

- LIT** Mark making, for example, tickets for a car wash, receipt for the laundry.
- Maths** Looking at pairs of socks, which ones match?
- U&W** The Flying Bath book demonstrates how important water is to life. There are many themes arising from this.



**Vocabulary**  
Light, heavy, full,  
empty, matching,  
odd, identical

### Story Links

Mr Wishy Washy by Joy Cowley  
Washing Line by Jez Alborough

The Flying Bath  
by Julia Donaldson

