

Curriculum Area: Mathematics Recommended for: Preschool Learning Activity: Capacity

Big Idea:

How can we measure?

What to do:

Together make a collection of containers that are safe to use in the bath or shower, encourage your child to transfer water from one container to the other. Discuss how each container holds a different amount, try to use words such as; more/less,

full and empty. Explore which container holds the most and which container holds the least? Extend this activity by filling the containers with a spoon or a scoop and counting the number of spoons used to fill the container.

Benefits:

- Pouring and transferring develops hand/eye coordination.
- Understanding of volume and early mathematical skills.
- Counting and comparison skills

Links to Early years learning Framework

- Outcome 3: Children have a strong sense of wellbeing
- Outcome 4: Children are confident and involved learners
- Outcome 5: Children are effective communicators



