

Messing about in boats

Transport and
travel

Imagination

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Resources

- Poem: 'A Good Play' by R. L. Stevenson from *The Oxford Treasury of Children's Poems* (Oxford University Press)
- Props for making a boat
- Song: 'We Sail the Ocean Blue', from *HMS Pinafore* by W. S. Gilbert (1836–1911) and Arthur Sullivan (1842–1900)
- CD player
- Water tray
- Objects that float, sink
- Small pots and polystyrene trays
- Empty washing-up liquid bottles
- Plasticine

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Supervise the
water tray.

Learning objective

- To use available resources to create props to support imaginative play

What to do

Imaginative play activity

- Read the poem 'A Good Play'. Ask the children what they could use to make a pretend boat.
- Support collecting the props, and the children's imaginative play in the boat.
- Play the song 'We Sail the Ocean Blue' as the children play.

Extensions/variations

Water tray activity

- Put objects that float and sink into the water: small pots and polystyrene trays, empty washing-up liquid bottles (a jet of water can be used to push a boat along), Plasticine, etc.
- Support language development: *sink, float, heavy, light, sail*.

Related activities

- Bobbing boats (see page 70)
- Seaside project (see pages 160–163)

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