

## Having fun in all weather

Why not get out and about and explore the summer weather, even rainy can be lots of fun.

- Who can resist a puddle? - Grab your wellies and a jacket and splash in the puddles, jump over puddles, in puddles, who can make the biggest splash? Who can make the smallest splash? A great mood booster with fresh air and exercise for the whole body. Discuss with your child how jumping in puddles makes them feel, emotionally and physically – happy, tired, excited



- Try tracing the shadows of your favourite toys.



- Put out different containers in your garden or on a windowsill. They can have wide or narrow openings. Which one collects the most rain? Pour them into a measuring jug, does the opening make a difference to how much water they can catch?



- Try making your own watering can from an old milk bottle:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eSs61V2MR5U>

- When the rain stops what happens? Draw a line round the edge of the puddle with chalk, use a tape measure or piece of string to measure it, check it later and see if it has changed. Why do you think it's changed?



- What direction is the water running on the pavement/ road? Why not make a paper boat and see which way it goes? (If it's safe to so, when would it not be safe?)



- Make mud pies. Add natural ingredients like flowers, leaves, cones etc. You could also stick mud onto a tree or a fence post and use natural items to make a face. You could make a happy, sad or maybe even a scary face!



- Have you wondered what the weather is like in other parts of the world? You can view lots of places all over the world, live from here:

<https://www.earthcam.com/>