

**Continuous provision:**  
Water play

Nursery  
Age 18 months

Title: Tipping and pouring

**Child-initiated exploration**

The children explore the movement of water through actions such as tipping and pouring.

A uses trial and error to work through the problem of filling up the tea pot. Once he was able to fill the pot to the desired amount, he carefully poured the water into a larger container within the water tray.



B worked to fill the flat pan with water. On the first attempt he filled it but when he lifted the pan, the water spilled out. He showed determination to fill the pan and move it to the desired place before emptying it and watching the flow of water.

C joined and showed willingness to help others during play. C helps A and B to fill their containers before filling her own. Working together in a group the children fill the three jugs pouring them out to watch each others water flow. C pours her water quickly creating a splash as the running water hits the tray. A and B pour theirs slowly watching a steady stream.



**Possible future provision/next steps**

Support them to develop their physical and observational skills through varied opportunities allowing the children to lift, roll and drop objects.

**Learning outcomes include** (Development Matters, Understanding the World):

Birth to three: *Repeat actions that have an effect.*

Characteristics of effective teaching and learning – Playing and exploring: *Realise that their actions have an effect on the world, so they want to keep repeating them.*