

Playdough Chef

EYFS Area: **Expressive Art and Design**

Learning Goal: **Exploring and Using Media and Materials**

Did you know?

Play dough is wonderful for so many aspects of development - especially the strength and creativity it takes to manipulate this funny material.

How to play

1. Pretend that you're in the kitchen and want to make a delicious dinner. Your ingredient is play dough!
2. Use a range of kitchen utensils to work play dough into the shapes of different foods.
3. Talk about the actions you are making as you do them. For example 'slicing'.
4. Pretend to put the food in the oven and comment on the delicious smell!

TIP: You can encourage your child to manipulate the dough in lots of different ways. If you don't have utensils available, you can simply use hands!

Level 2

Now your child has prepared the main course, ask your child to make a dessert out of the remaining dough, for example a giant ice cream sundae!

Level 3

Pretend to pay for your meal and ask your child how much the main course and pudding cost. What is the total cost to pay?

Top tip

Encourage lots of different ways to manipulate the dough while imagining you are really making a delicious feast!