

Sand Area Progression Map

Behaviour	Dig	Mould	Sieve	Bury/ Enclose	Resources to facilitate play
Extended skill	 Selects the most appropriate scoop/ spade for digging Digs with control Digs for a desired purpose 	 Uses a range of containers/ moulds to create intricate sand creations Uses spades/ scoops/ buckets to make sand into desired shapes 	 Sieves sand for a desired effect Sieves sand for a desired purpose Sieves sand to filter out larger objects 	 Buries and covers up resources Pats sand down to cover up resources Uses spades/ scoops to bury objects 	Potato mashers Colander Kitchen utensils Different sized containers Sieves with small holes/ large holes
Developing Skill	 Scoops sand up using scoop/ spade Moves sand from A to B using a spade Loses little sand off the spade Able to dig a hole or space in sand 	 Free play with hands - makes shapes, heaps and tunnels Fills moulds and shapes and turns over to make shape Recognises that damp sand holds shape 	Recognises that dry sand falls freely through fingers/ sieve	 Free play with hands. Uses hands to cover up objects 	Ice cube moulds Irregular shaped moulds Different sized sieves, Different sized buckets, containers Short-handled scoops/ spades
Emerging Skill	Explores moving sand using spade/ scoops	 Makes impressions using hands, fingers, 	 Sifts sand through fingers. 	 Covers their hands and fingers in sand 	Different shaped moulds

	and places back down	knees, armsFills containers/ buckets with sandPats down sand to make it smooth	 Explores and observes the way sand moves through sieve 		Buckets Spades, scoops - long and short handled Sieves
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