

# The benefits of projects

Projects are based on children's interests and ideas as ways of creating extended explorations of the topic, or planned with a great deal of input from children. This is very different to adult-directed themes based on calendar events and pre-determined topics.



## Deeper exploration

Individual experiences may not always provide the opportunity for children to fully explore new concepts and unpack different ideas. Projects allow this to occur and can support children to explore and build their knowledge in deeper ways.



## Children's voices

Projects allow children's ideas, voices and interests to be built into the curriculum in meaningful ways. They allow children to see how their questions and play are used to support the direction of the project. This can be achieved for children of all ages.



## Understand children's ideas

Through projects and deeper exploration of topics you get to develop a clearer understanding of the children's ideas through ongoing discussions and repeated play opportunities. This will support more meaningful planning and future learning opportunities.



## Research

Projects allow children to develop an understanding of finding answers to their questions through research. This could be research through play and investigation, or research through more formal means such as looking up information, trialling an experience etc.



## Meaningful skills

Projects allow for a variety of different skills and learning opportunities to be brought into the children's learning through the project topic e.g. books, art, songs, documenting ideas, planning learning, physical activity, vocabulary, role playing, sensory bins etc.