

Salt Dough Dragon Bones

What you need:

- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup salt
- 3/4 cup water
- 1 Tablespoon vegetable oil

What to do:

1. Explain that you are going to make some special dough together.
2. Measure all of the ingredients into a bowl.
3. Knead the dough using hands, knuckles, then roll small balls.
4. Allow your child to explore the dough, let them make their own dragon bones, dragon footprints, dragon eggs or whatever they have chosen to create.
5. Allow the dough to dry overnight or bake them in your oven on a low heat for 3hours approx. and then you have your own set of dragon bones to explore and play with. They could even become dinosaur bones!

Place them in a tray of soil or compost with paintbrushes and let the children be explorers hunting for the remains of a dragon.



You could also use this dough to make dinosaur fossils- instead of moulding them into shapes mould the dough into a round and press the dinosaurs into the dough then remove them carefully. Again, bake or leave them to dry overnight and you will have some dinosaur fossils to play with.

What's in it for the children?

The children have first-hand experience of seeing how materials and their properties can change. There are lots of opportunities for language development through exploration of texture. The children will also be experiencing the skill of creating a moulded shape or imprint.