



## DUMP & FILL ROCKS/FEATHERS

### Materials you need:

- Buckets or baskets.
- Tipper trucks.
- Pebbles and rocks
- Feathers
- Sand or dirt

### Setup for play:

- Set up the trucks and buckets in the sandpit or inside if you prefer.
- Add some trays or buckets of pebbles and feathers and place some in the sandpit.
- Leave the spoons and spades close by and watch as the children begin filling buckets and trucks with the pebbles and feathers they scoop up.
- See if they can tell you if there is anything different between the feathers and the pebbles. Explore the concepts of light and heavy as they play along with full and empty.
- Explore the schema of dumping and filling.

## What are they learning with this activity?

As the children enjoy filling and dumping they are learning to:

- Use play to investigate and explore new ideas
- Manipulate objects and experiment with cause and effect
- Use their senses to explore and choose natural materials
- Challenge their sense of touch and sensory processing
- Use descriptive language and become independent communicators
- Understand basic position concepts
- Classify, sort by category and group items together by similarities, patterns and differences
- Use hand/eye coordination skills and concentration

## Extending the play:

- On a warm day add some jugs of water and plastic cups for baby and toddler to practice filling, pouring and dumping with.
- Collect a pile of leaves and add a few baskets or clean egg cartons for toddlers to fill with leaves, carry, dump and transfer.

