

## Sensory fun with soap and bubbles

I am sure you have already done some form of water play and of course, the smells and textures of soaps, bubbles, cloths and sponges can all be engaging for our sensory learners. Below are some ideas involving soap and bubbles.



**Soap playdough:** It is mouldable like play dough, but snaps cleanly like silly putty.

It is super simple to make, uses only two ingredients (or three if you want colored dough), and takes only a few minutes to prepare.

It uses ingredients you likely already have on hand, requires no cooking, and is easy to clean up since it just melts when water is added to it.

Instructions: mix liquid hand soap with food colouring and then gradually add cornflour until the mixture can be pressed together to form a dough.

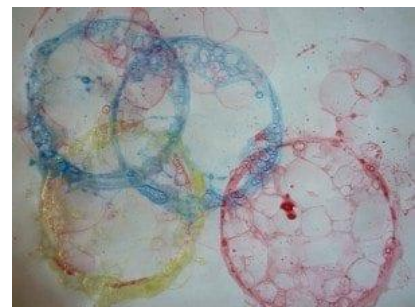


**Rainbow foam:** (or just foam if you don't have food colouring).

Using bubble bath and a small amount of water with a food mixer will produce large amounts of light foam. Different colours can be mixed or it can be moved using utensils and containers to develop motor skills. You could hide toys in the foam and then search for them.



**Bubble painting:** All you need is dish soap, paint, straws, paper, and newspaper to cover the table with. Mix the paint with the washing up liquid and blow through the mixture with a straw. Bubbles will form so you can lay paper over the top to take a print.





**Bouncing bubbles:** If you want to be able to catch bubbles in your hand (while wearing a glove), or see them land on a table, try mixing washing up liquid, caster sugar and some vegetable oil to water to make a mixture that will create stronger bubbles. If you happen to have glycerine, this will make giant bubbles!

**Don't forget the bubble snake idea and hand massage from Key Stage 3, Week 1 on the Ellen Tinkham Home Learning website.**