


Callington Primary EYFS Skills Progression

Water Play

 Emergent Developing Secure		
Vocabulary		
Nursery		
Fill, pour, tip, hold, drop, fast, slow, wet, dry	Splash, bubble, foam, mix, top, bottom, gone, more, less	Squirt, slip, full, empty, stir, puddle, sea, river, rain
Reception		
Fill, pour, more, less, stir, bubble, full, empty	Trickle, flow, damp, soak, hotter, colder, warmer, float, sink	Surface, deeper, shallow, capacity, liquid, half full, nearly full, nearly empty, measure, overflow
Pouring/Emptying		
Tip to pour quickly. Drops object into water. Observes as they pour water from container to container. Observes the way water moves.	Pours slowly into an intended location (tray, container).	Pours varied amounts with coordinated control. Pours with increased accuracy.
Hands Cups Handled jug Large trays Large buckets Large containers	Water butt with tap Teapot Ladle Small bucket Small containers with handles	Measuring cylinders Funnels Watering can Spoons Small containers without handles
Filling		
Fills containers until they overflow. Randomly fills different containers.	Fills containers with increasing control. Fills containers with a desired amount.	Fills a container to their intended point of fill. Starting to read scaled when filling.
Standing Two hands	Small containers One hand	Very small containers Small spoons

Large containers Large bucket Large jug	Large spoons Ladle Funnel	Spray bottles Pipettes Syringe
<u>Transporting</u>		
Carries water from A to B but spills large amounts of water along the way. Explores the way water moves and is transported. Tries to catch water as it is transported.	Carefully carries water from A to B only spilling a little. Explores using a range of resources and techniques to transfer water.	Spills little of no water when transporting. Does not fill the container to the top – shows an awareness of how much they can carry without spilling. Plans and uses the most effective ways to transport water to avoid spillages.
Hands Large buckets Bowls Large jugs	Small containers Large spoons Small buckets	Very small containers Small spoons Spray bottles Pipettes Syringe
<u>Manipulation</u>		
Explores the way water moves as they mix & stir it. Spills some water when mixing.	Mixes and moves water with a goal in mind.	Understands what will happen to the water when they mix it. Adds colour and texture to change the appearance and consistency.
Colanders Sieves Guttering & stands	One handed containers Sponges Filters Water pump	Pipettes Straws Spoons Pipes Basters
<u>Key Questions/Discussion Prompts</u>		
<u>Nursery</u>		
What have you discovered? Can you fill it up?	Why did that happen? Is it full or empty? How do you know?	What do you notice when we..... How has the ice/water changed?
<u>Reception</u>		
How much water do you need to add? What do you notice when?	Can you find containers that hold the same amount? Which containers hold the most?	Can you half fill the bucket? Why do you think it flows that way?

