

TALK with play dough



Firstly...

Face your child, get down to their level and watch what they do.

Then start to **copy** their play with some dough of your own and **comment** on what they're doing:

*"Roll roll roll. Roll the dough in your hand.
Squeeeeeeeeze, its coming through your fingers"*

In activities...

Play dough is great because it can become ANYTHING! Let your child's imagination run wild - make a long hissing snake or cakes for a party!

Gather bits and bobs i.e. small sticks, large buttons, straws, pine cones, dried pasta etc. that your child can use to extend their play.

Offer a choice: do you want the roller or the cutter?

Make some sausages or current buns and sing the songs, counting and taking them away as you sing.

Words they should hear...

**roll, push,
squash, tap,
squeeze**

**flat, round, long,
short, big, small**

**under, in, on, next
to, behind, in
front**

**roller, cutter,
knife**