Sand		
Resources	Learning Intentions	Characteristics of
		Effective Learning
What adults provide:	Personal, Social & Emotional	Playing & Exploring -
	Sharing and taking turns	engagement
Sand tray	Cooperation and sustained attention	Show curiosity about objects
Dry or damp sand	Communication and negotiation	Using sense to explore the
Buckets	Play alongside others	world around them
Spades	Communication & Language	Engage in open-ended
Sand moulds	Communication & Language Use language to imagine and recreate	activity
Sand rakes	roles and experiences	
Spoons	Listening and following instructions	Active Learning - motivation
Funnels	Vocabulary extension	Not easily distracted
Sieves	Vocabalal y extension	Persist when challenges
Tubes	Physical	occur
Plastic bottles	Manipulation and control of objects	Explore different
Cutters	Fine and gross motor skills	approaches
Scoops	Enjoys the sensory experience of	Be proud of how they
	making marks	accomplished something
Enhancements:	Literacy	
Pebbles	Distinguishes between the different	Creating & Thinking
Shells	marks they make	Critically – thinking
Animals/dinosaurs	Gives meaning to marks	Think of ideas
Mirrors	orves meaning to marks	Finding new ways to do things
Small world people	Mathematics	Develop ideas of grouping,
Diggers/dump trucks	Begins to make comparison between	sequence, cause and effect
	quantities	Planning, making decisions
What adults do: Observe,	Enjoys filling and emptying containers	and problem solving
Model, Comment, Repeat,	Use everyday words to describe	
Describe, Extend, Question	position	
	Uses language of size	
Key vocabulary: Dig, Pour, Fill,	Shows an interest in shape and space	
Tip, Making, Careful, Shovel,	Understanding the World	
Sand castle, Beach, Seaside	Investigate objects and materials by	
Holiday, Diggers, Excavate, Dessert, Mix, Sieve, Sculpture	using all of their senses	
Pile, Wet/dry.	Knows things are used in different	
File, well dry.	ways	
Some questions to ask	Talk about why things happen and how	
What will happen if?	things work	
Tell me about?		
Can you make it bigger/smaller?	Express Arts & Design	
How does it feel?	Imaginative play	
	Respond in a variety of ways to what	
	they see, hear, smell, touch and feel.	

Taken from examples provided by Local Children's Centres