

Outdoor spaces in early childhood centres



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Outdoor spaces encourage children to:



Explore



Test their
limits



Develop
physical skills



Be endlessly
creative

When designing an outdoor space, consider providing:

- Active areas and open spaces
- Variety, through moveable equipment, different surfaces (grass, pebbles, bark, sand) and different slopes
- Dens, platforms, secret pathways
- Somewhere to dig, to plant, and to connect 'nature' with necessary things of life
- Opportunities for risk taking



Outdoor spaces bring nature closer, creating connections with trees, leaves, plants, rocks, water, animals, weather, mud, insects...