 Sticks

**What you need:** sticks from your garden twine/string wool

**What to do:** With your child collect various sticks of all shapes and sizes. Ask children to make shapes, letters , numbers with the sticks can the children join them together with wool or string by using a figure of 8 method. You could even make your own natural photo frame by joining four sticks together this could be used to show your child’s lovely art work.

You could use the sticks to talk about length, weight etc. Measure the length of objects using sticks. Another favourite game is pooh sticks if you have access to moving water.

**What it is good for: Numeracy, Literacy, creativity, fine motor skills, communication, and promoting outdoor independence.**

  Make Jelly

**What you need:** 1 pack of jelly and water

**What to do: With your child read the instructions on the pack explaining that instructions tell us what we need to do.**

**Get children to feel and smell the jelly cubes. Count the individual cubes as you break them up into the bowl. Discuss the colour, smell and shape of the cubes. Explain that the jelly is a SOLID. Add the water and explain that the heat of the water will MELT the jelly cubes.**

**Use language such as disappear, melt, shrink , solid , liquid, cool. etc.**

**Discuss how after setting the jelly is now a solid again.**

**What it is good for ; early science , language and communication.**

 Teacher note/who for – Level 1 learners