

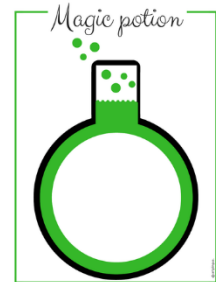
The 50 things app can benefit children in the setting and home learning environment. In addition to supporting and strengthening working with parents, the activity ideas and information make planning easy. **An example of planning opportunities**

Making potions is not just for Halloween, it can be done anywhere with almost anything. Potion making supports open-ended play, encouraging children to take risks, experiment with new materials, and learn about cause & effect. What true "hands-on" learning is all about! A Potion Party links to all areas of the EYFS with endless possibilities.



Invite parents to a Potion Party where your children can showcase learning through play at its highest level. Parents and practitioners will be amazed as they observe children exploring, creating, examining, and learning through sensory play. You could create a Potion Making home learning bag to encourage parents to replicate activities at home. Show parents how the 50 Things app works and encourage them to download it.

All children of all ages and abilities can experiment. Children can be included in choosing what to add to activities, write magic spells and potions together, cut out and stick pictures onto a potion board, collect natural items from the garden together, include rhyming words and alliteration as you say magic words and model singing whilst playing. From a very young age children will be developing skills which they will later use in school.



STORY IDEAS

Hocus Pocus Diplodocus
The Magic Porridge Pot
That's not my Witch
Potion Commotion

SONGS TO SING

Five Little Men in a Flying Saucer
The Magic Porridge Pot Song (Youtube)
Pop Goes the Weasel
Silly Soup

Hosting a Potion Party can **help children's sense of belonging, communication and social skills** whilst building **parent partnerships**.

Sensory, open ended play enables children to **explore and play with language and speech** whilst using all **their senses**.

There is an abundance of mathematical learning opportunities whilst making potions. Children will develop their **spatial reasoning skills across all areas of mathematics including shape, space and measures**. Encouraging children to have a go, think of ideas, seek out resources and persevere **develops their critical and creative thinking skills**, building on **developing resilience** and a **love of learning**.

Visit the website [50 Things to Do Before You're Five in Cambridgeshire & Peterborough](https://www.50thingsapp.co.uk/)