# Sensory play – helping tamariki explore the world around them





### **TOUCH**

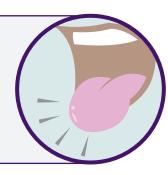
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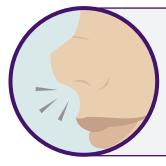
**TOP TIP:** Go on a scavenger hunt inside or out to find materials of different textures. Categorise the items in trays: smooth, bumpy, furry, etc.

### **TASTE**

Eating different foods can be a great sensory experience for children's TASTE that also incorporates the other senses.

**TOP TIP:** Get tamariki to try different fruits with their eyes closed and describe the taste. What does this taste remind you of? Is it sweet or sour?





## **SMELL**

Developing the sense of SMELL also helps children increase their memory and creativity.

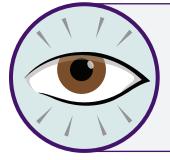
**TOP TIP:** Flowers in the garden can be used in sensory play by getting tamariki to creatively describe the scent.

# SOUND

Musical instruments help promote the sense of SOUND, developing listening skills, concentration, coordination, cooperation, communication, memory and creativity!

**TOP TIP:** Encourage playtime with musical instruments such as shakers, bells, drums, and triangles.





#### SIGHT

Help children's brains create stronger connections through SIGHT.

**TOP TIP:** Colourful memory and matching games are a simple way to develop this sense.



