

# Explore and play

## EYFS Aspect of learning

- Shape, space and measures

## Busy Ant Maths F Topic

- Measures

## Early learning goal

- Uses everyday language to talk about weight to compare quantities and objects to solve problems

### Activity 1: Fruit baskets or or

#### Objective

- Compare weights of objects made of the same material

#### Resources

ingredients and tools for making play dough (per group); *Handa's Surprise* by Eileen Browne (Walker Books Ltd; New edition, 2006, ISBN 0744536340) (per class/group)

#### What to do

- Read children the story of *Handa's Surprise*.
- Let the children, with adult supervision, make some play dough. Children can measure the ingredients needed.
- They can then use the dough in a variety of weighing activities, such as using the dough to make 'apples' of different sizes and weights, investigating weight, and finding which 'apples' are heavier/lighter than others.
- Ask the children to use the play dough to make a basket to put their favourite fruits in, like the basket carried by Handa in the story.