Australian Animal Track Prints

Materials Needed:

- Small Sand tray

- Australian animal figurines (koala, dingo, echidna, dingo, kangaroo, wombat, platypus, emu etc.).

- Sand

- Printable animal tracks (many choices available on google)

What to do:

- Set up the sand in the sand tray

- Add the animal figurines and cards around the sand tray.

- Encourage the child to place the animal in the sand to print their footprints.

- The child matches the animal footprints to the card.

- Repeat until all the animals are matched with their footprints.

Hints and Tips:

- Use playdough instead of sand

- Paint can also be used to print the animal track.

- Group discussion - talk about how the Indigenous people used animal tracks to search for different types of animals.

Additional Info

- **Appropriate Age:**1 year+

- **Number of Children:** Individual (1)

- **Play Based Learning:** Sensory Play

- **Interest Areas:** Science and Nature, Sensory Play

- **Games Categories:** Cognitive Development, Fine Motor Skills, Learning Games, Sensory Games

- **EYLF Outcomes:** Learning Outcome 4

Sub Outcomes:

4.3 Children transfer and adapt what they have learned from one context to another.

4.4 Children resource their own learning through connecting with people, place, technologies and natural and processed materials.