

Developing Vocabulary

- Sort objects by different criteria and talk about how things have been sorted eg. Shape, colour, same type. Laying the table, unpacking shopping
- Talk about the materials various objects in the environment are made from eg. Kitchen utensils, bedroom furniture, items in the garden.
- Model language of designing and making eg. Joining, build, shape, solid
- Model language used for evaluating: eg. Longer, shorter, lighter, heavier, stronger, weaker.
- Talk about where food comes from eg. Milk from cows

Joining -Explore various ways of joining materials while creating pictures, collage, modelling using recycled materials

- Explore how to use various joining materials while playing with child's own purpose eg. Glue, tape, threading, blue tack
- Make a necklace by threading dry pasta tubes onto string.

Mechanisms

- Play with toys with moving parts and investigate how they work.



Keeping Safe

- Talk about keeping safe and develop your child's awareness of possible risks and ways to make activities/ experiences safer. eg. Hygiene when cooking, keeping safe when using scissors.
- Support the development of your child's safe use of various tools eg. Scissors, hole punch, rolling pin, glue spreader, cutter, graters and blunt knives.

Electrical toys- Play with electronic toys and torches and talk about them.

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Structures -Explore how everyday items work eg.. Look at wind-up toys

- Investigate how every objects are put together eg. by dismantling a card board box to see what it is made up from
- Model using a variety recycled materials
- Play with a variety of construction kits to explore how to use them

Food

- Help to lay the table at meal times
- Help to make simple recipes eg. Fruit faces, biscuits, snacks, sandwiches, spread icing on a cake, decorate biscuits or cake
- Use various tools and utensils with support eg. Mash potatoes. Mix ingredients, grate cheese, cut up a sandwich with a blunt knife
- Make a necklace by threading hoop cereal onto an edible shoelace
- Help to wash up and dry up
- Talk about different kinds of foods and where it comes from
- Find out about the food we eat by looking at books, using the Internet, visiting local pick your own farms or farms with animals.