

Home Education – Summer 1 – Weeks 3 and 4

Construction DT/IT

There are short and long term positive effects of building construction toys. For instance, children can learn basic colours and shapes. Playing with construction toys also supports visual-spatial awareness which helps to develop reading and writing skills. Children learn to cooperate with others as well as problem solve. Both skills are needed in childhood and as an adult.

Starter activity- Tearing Paper

Tearing paper is a simple and fun way to target hand strength. Torn pieces of paper can be used later to decorate the Sensory Board, Marble Tower or Money Box.



Videos to introduce the context:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OhzM4K7NbiQ>



Ideas for building and construction:

1) Sensory board

cardboard, wet wipe lids, zips, different sensory materials e.g. cotton, rubber, sponge etc. Velcro/ PVA glue, pipe cleaner, foil etc.)



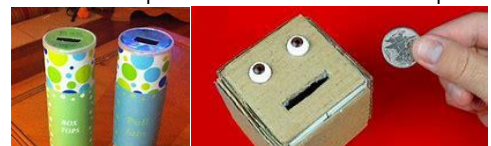
2) Marble Tower

Use cardboard box, toilet roll (different sizes), clear plastic tube, marbles. Decoration optional: pipe cleaners, stickers, paint etc.



3) Money Box

Use an empty Pringles tube or a box inside out to decorate the plain brown inside box, tape, coloured paper and glue. Ask your parents for help to cut a slit on the top.



Visuals and key signs:



touch



throw