Attention Autism- Weeks 3 and 4

Secondary

Stage 1 and 2

School videos:

Check the following videos for Stage 1 and 2 on YouTube:

Week 3-Lava: YouTube link- Attention Autism secondary- Lava

Week 4- Shapes: YouTube link- Attention Autism secondary- Shapes



Ideas to do at home:

Stage 1:

| | Activity | Resources |
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| Weeks 3 and 4: | Bucket time/Box time Song: 'I've got something in my bucket/box'. | Bucket or box (anything with lid) White board (or piece of paper) and pen to draw. Use 3 different toys in each session and change them every 2 sessions. |

Stage 2 (remember that your child should not participate physically at this stage, however they may wish to join in verbally with key phrases. Taking part occurs at stage 3, please see below).

| | Activity | Resources | Key words |
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| Week 3: | Stacking cups/blocks: Use paper/plastic cups or blocks. Stack them up, counting out to 10. Then say, 'ready steady GO' and knock them down! | Cups Blocks | 'Short tower' 'Long' Small Big 3, 2, 1, |
| | Show how exciting this is and pause before you say 'GO' to allow your child to anticipate the action and join in with the excitement. | | UpDown! |
| Week 4: | Bubble Sock Before the session prepare the bottle by cutting the bottom off and attach a cloth/sock to the cut end with an elastic band. | Sock or old cloth Elastic band Washing up liquid mixed | Dip Blow Long! Bubbles Pop! |
| | Start the session by pouring some water and washing up liquid/liquid soap into a bowl. Blow through the top of the bottle – the aim is to make bubbles come out through the sock. Use the key vocabulary and show how much fun you are having. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n d7kFfYkjc | with water Bottle. | |

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Below you will find several suggested activities, please choose the ones which will best suit the needs and interests of your child. The brown and orange boxes contain stage 4 activities which vary in complexity and should only be attempted if your child can sit through stages 1 and 2 and take part in stage 3.

Stage 3

The adult leader demonstrates a simple activity, often modelled with another adult in the group. The child/young person is then invited to have a turn. These activities are most engaging when they are big and messy. After the child/young person has had a turn they should move back to their seat and let you tidy up. If your child does not want to take a turn, simple tidy away and move on.

| Activity | Key words | Resources |
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| Week 3: Foam Splat Spray shaving foam on paper into little mounds. Pour some glitter onto each mound and then get the children to splat – with their hand, fly swat or wooden spoon. | Long Short Splat My turn Your turn Finish | Shaving foam/whipped cream. Wooden spoon Big piece of paper (if the piece of paper is white, try to put some colour on the shaving foam or whipped cream by adding food colouring). |
| Week 4: Bouncy balls Have a tray with white paper at the bottom of it. Then have 3 different colour paints. Dip a ball into the paint and let it drop into the tray. Watch it bounce and make a pattern! This also works well with a slinky. After you have shown your child what to do, offer them a turn. | Balls Round Circle Drop Bounce More Finished My turn Your turn | White paper Bouncy balls or any shaped object Paint Bowl with paint (You may need a plastic cloth to prevent the floor or table to get dirty as well as an apron) |





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- 2. Child/Young person repeats activity as independently as possible.
- 3. Adult checks activity and the child packs it away.

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| Week 3: Sorting Long and short items This activity consists of sorting items of different length | Sort Look Copy My turn Your turn Same Different Long Short | Short and long straws Short and long leaves Short and long pencils | Put some long and short straws into a box/tray (you could use strips of paper, pipe cleaners or lolly pop sticks). Sort the straws into 2 cups – long and short. |
| Week 4: Sorting Model activity- offer your child 2 different shaped objects to sort Image: Comparison of the state of the st | Short Square Circle Cube Round | Circle tissues bagsCube filled | Short. On a table or flat surface put the two different shaped objects. If the objects being used are small, use two boxes to sort them out. If the objects are big, draw a line or place a table cloth to differentiate the two groups. |

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| Week 3: Long and short sorting | Sort Look Copy My turn Your turn Same Different Long Short | Small spoons Long spoons Box to put spoons when sorting | Put some big and small spoons into a box/tray Sort the spoons into 2 cups – long and short. |
| Week 4: Shapes Using toilet roll paper tubes and paint | Sort Look Copy My turn Your turn Paint Circle | Toilet roll tube Different paints White paper | Put paint (if you don't have paint you can use some water with food colouring) in a plastic bowl. With the toilet roll tube, dip into the paint and impress on the paper. If you don't have a toilet roll tube, you can also use a cup. |