

## Learning Experience

### Balloon Swat for Babies

#### Educational Purpose - Why is this important for children's learning?

This simple game requires very little resources and can be adapted to suit individual exploration or shared.

The act of swatting the balloon involves a lot of sensory motor processes in one. Your child will be using their visual tracking skills, hand-eye coordination, balance, spatial awareness and use of combined gross motor muscles to perform direct target movements.

#### Resources needed

- Balloons
- Fly swat or similar
- String to hang the balloon

#### Description of what to do including prompts for questions to ask children

1. Demonstrate the act of swatting the balloon and discuss the process.
2. Encourage the child to participate *"Your turn, can you hit the balloon?"*
3. Provide positive feedback throughout the play.
4. Note this can be played using hands to swat the balloon without use of a fly swat

#### Possible extension

- This could be played without the use of string and instead the goal is to keep the balloon up, passing it between those playing.