

Learning Experience

Posting Games

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

Posting games are great for supporting fine motor development, hand-eye coordination as children grasp and grip, as well as spatial awareness and reasoning. Activities like this one provide opportunities for your child to problem solve, experiment through trial and error, cause and effect, experiencing delight, wonder and awe.

Posting promotes cognitive learning and is a natural learning process, related to the play schema enveloping. Play schemas are the intrinsic urges and learning dispositions of children they use to process their world, making connections and learning through play.

Resources needed

- Container to post into – including recycled bottles, tissue box, nappy wipe container and formula tin, with a slot to 'post'
- Objects to post for example - paddle pop sticks, pom poms, jar lids, coins

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

Invite your child to investigate the materials – “Would you like to see what I have?” or “What can be do with these?”

Provide your child space to freely explore these materials, they are naturally inquisitive and will manipulate the objects in a variety of ways to suit their needs and interest.

You can support their discover by joining in their play. Acknowledge the way they are investigating the materials, and role modelling the process of placing items in the container.

Possible extension

Provide opportunities for your child to transfer the learning from this experience to another. Start with just one type of base container and then add other. How do they respond to objects that do not fit?

Invite your child to assist you with how to get the objects back out of the containers