

Play Activities for Play Schemas

Connecting

- Dancing together by linking arms.
- Strips of masking tape - stick animals to a table - peel the masking tape to rescue the animals
- Thread pasta or beads onto pipe cleaners

Trajectory

- Play tag
- Roll cars down ramps
- Roll cotton reels off tables into buckets
- Attach string to two chairs and thread a straw onto the string. Attach different objects to the straw and push along the string.

Positioning

- Threading
- For older ones have a go at sewing
- Games like Jenga.

Orientation

- Lots of physical activities: running, jumping, climbing, running down hills
- Play from different view points, such as laying down or standing up.

Enclosing/Enveloping

- Den building
- Make available blankets and bits of materials to wrap themselves in (please supervise) or wrap their toys in.
- Use play tunnels for your children or get some rabbit tunnels from a pet shop for toys to go in.

Transporting

- Tape pens to the back of toy cars and place on large pieces of paper - what patterns do the cars make?
- Have an assortment of buggies, trolleys, wheelbarrows, bags or baskets available.
- Water play with lots of cups, moving water from one cup to another

Rotation

- Play with hoops
- Find a large space and do lots of spinning
- Play with lots of toys that have wheels
- attach some string to the underside of a table and attach a bracelet to the string - watch it spin.