

## Games and Activities

There are many different ways in which you can support your child at home with various activities and playing a variety of games. This can support your child with their development throughout their time in Early Years.

Gross motor skills are important to enable your child to perform important everyday tasks, such as getting out of bed and going downstairs for breakfast, fine motor abilities allow for increasing independence in smaller but equally significant matters: opening doors, fastening zips, brushing teeth, washing hands and other daily tasks.

The following resources can support your child with their gross motor skills:

- Jedi swords - up and down, side to side movements.
- Fairy wands - up and down, side to side movements.
- Streamers - up and down, side to side movements.
- Sweeping brushes - forwards and backwards movements.
- Large paint brushes or rollers with water or paint.
- Chalk - large movements on the ground.

These activities are ideas that can be done outdoors in a large area to allow your children to make large movements and develop their gross motor skills.

Other activities you can also work on with your children to develop their thinking, speaking and listening and concentration are:

- Jigsaws
- Pairs games
- Snap
- Card games such as Happy Families
- Eye spy
- Simple board games - please see the link for ideas <http://www.orchardtoys.com/games>

There are lots of games that can support your children with counting, one to one correspondence, questioning, speaking, listening and their wider knowledge. These are songs and games such as:

- What time is it Mr Wolf?
- Farmers in his den
- I came to school this morning
- There was a Princess long ago
- Ring a ring o' roses
- In and out the dusty bells
- Simon says
- Head, shoulders, knees and toes
- Kim's game
- Something's in the bag
- Who is it?

Please see separate sheets with instructions and songs.