

Learning together...

Curriculum Area: STEM

Recommended for: 6 months

Learning Activity: Make a Posting Box

Big Idea

What are the shapes in our environment?

What to do:

Using a box (any kind of box you might have within your home), cut out some holes or slits leaving an opening that will allow your child to post and retrieve the objects made available to them. Observe your child's engagement as they post objects that fit into the spaces available.

- The box can be as big or as small as you like (tissue box, shoe box, moving box, ice cream container etc) as can the objects which you choose to use "post".
- If you use a large box you may even like to make a few peep holes in the side for your baby to look through.
- Once you have created your box collect some objects for posting from around the house and group them together in a "treasure basket".
- Let your child post the contents of the basket into the posting box until the basket is empty.
- Once finished lift or empty the box to reveal all of the "lost objects". You may like to change up the objects in the treasure basket each day.

Benefits:

- Learning to coordinate movements – pushing, grasping, lifting, carrying, throwing.
- Gaining satisfaction and confidence from posting again and again.
- Exploring shapes and sizes through manipulating objects through different spaces.
- Having lots of fun!

Early Years Learning Framework Learning Outcomes:

Outcome 4: children are confident and involved learners.

- Children develop a range of skills and processes such as problem solving, inquiry, experimentation, hypothesising, researching and investigating.
- Children resource their own learning through connecting with people, place, technologies and natural and processed materials.

