

Summer Playgroup: Again, Again!

9 July - 2 September 2018



Trajectory: making things move along lines of movement and seeing how force affects the distance (putting materials in our wind tunnel or seeing how far children can throw or kick a ball for example)

Transporting: moving resources from one place to another with baskets, bags, toy vehicles and treasure hunting

Rotation: swirling, whirling and spinning explorations with whisks, spoons and other objects involving rolling or twisting actions (mixing paint with a spoon, turning a hand whisk and watching them turn, making bubbles in a tub or twisting keys to unlock locks)

Connecting: Putting things together and taking them apart by way of connecting through clasps, chains or fabric

Enclosing: creating dens, exits and entrances, forts and border building through the construction of various materials

Positioning: stacking and un-stacking objects, lining materials up, drawing on key position words and playing hide and seek games, ordering and arranging objects

Enveloping: placing materials within other objects, wrapping and unwrapping with blankets or paper, tucking away and seeing other objects "re-appear"

Orientation: looking at things from different perspectives such as hanging upside down, looking through their legs, looking at things through mirrors, magnifying glasses and binoculars

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This summer, we will be exploring "Schemas in Children's Play" during our Playgroup Series.

"Schemas" are the building blocks for the brain, repeated behaviour that in turn forge connections, patterns of unfolding, learning and growth. The repetitive actions of schematic play allow children to construct meaning in what they are doing - hence our theme, Again Again!

Infants and young children learn best through opportunities to engage in active learning through hands on experiences. These opportunities allow children to problem solve, question, predict, imagine, speculate and develop independent choices as they make decisions in an area they are familiar with.

Schemas of play will be explored in our Ateliers and outdoors in our gardens with experiences planned to focus on the schemas that all children go through in their natural discoveries of the world around them. Open ended materials that provide endless opportunities to exercise the various schemas will engage children in a journey of wonder through their play.

We look forward to seeing you this Summer!



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