

Enclosing, Enveloping and containing Schemas: A fascination with building enclosures, putting things into containers or covering things

What you might see....

Your child may paint or draw borders around their artwork. They may use blocks or lego to build enclosures. They may enjoy dressing up or being swaddled in blankets, they may cover their drawings with paint or scribbles. They may fill boxes or containers with toys.

Possible problems you may encounter....

Thinks get lost or buried. Children may want to carry bags everywhere. Children might get lost if they enjoy hiding. Children may be particular about clothing.

I can help my child's Personal, social and emotional development by.....

encouraging independence in dressing and undressing skills. Encourage sharing

I can help my child's physical development by.....

Providing different types of containers to develop fine motor skills (jars with screw lids, lifting lids bags with clasps etc.) Supporting gross motor development with pop up tunnels and play equipment that allows children to climb into and through. .

I can help my child's communication and language by.....

playing games such as kims game, lift the flap books, role play and dressing up. Develop language associated with positioning (for example: inside, outside, above, below), size and weight (for example: big, small, heavy and light) and quantity (for example: empty, full)

I can help my child's understanding of the world by.....

developing problem solving skills in den building activities. Role play and dressing up to explore different jobs or cultures. Planting and growing seeds. Taking trips to a soft play centre or outdoor adventure playground. Develop understanding of quantity by providing opportunities for filling and emptying containers

I can help my child's self expression and aesthetic development by.....

providing opportunities to explore collage using a variety of materials. Supporting imaginative role play and dressing up .

I can help my child's literacy and writing skills by.....

providing mark making opportunities. Reading lift the flap stories such as **Where's Spot?** by Eric Hill.