

Heaping and Scattering: A fascination with emptying boxes. Piling or scattering collections of objects.

What you might see....

Your child may empty boxes of toys and never seem to play with the contents. Children may appear to scatter or heap collections of things at random.

Possible problems you may encounter....

The mess!
Possible safety issues of items being left on the floor.

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

teaching children to consider safety and managing risks - introduce some rules about where items can be dropped (ie not in a doorway).
Cooperation skills - helping to tidy away afterwards.
Consideration and empathy towards others - why they shouldn't scatter someone's play..

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

Building towers and knocking them down.
Sprinkling - glitter/flour/cornflour for instance.
sweeping, brushing.
Providing collage materials, scissors and glue for fine motor development.

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

Using language associated with heaping and scattering.
Talking about what a child is doing.
Providing small world resources such as a construction site using sand, salt, gravel or cereal.

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

providing small world resources such as a construction site. Baking activities. gardening and sowing seeds. Collections of natural objects such as fir cones, seeds, acorns for transporting and heaping. Feeding the birds.

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

.providing opportunities to make collages. Provide "loose parts" such as natural objects, or small collections transitional art. Gather leaves for natural collage.

I can help my child's literacy and writing skills by.....
Reading Tidy Titch by Pat Hutchins