

## THS Common Play Behaviours Progression Chart EYFS (Sep 2022)

### CREATIVE – RECYCLED MODELS (JUNK MODELLING)

Behaviour	Joining	Cutting	Building	Folding
HIGH LEVEL	Split Pins Tying Paper Clips Large tape dispenser	Material Corrugated paper Tissue Paper Card/ boxes Regular scissors	Brackets Opening levers Hinges curved Variety of shape and size	Complex Fold, i.e. Fan Thicker paper
MID LEVEL	Small tape dispenser Tape Masking tape Pegs Scissors Glue spreader	Trimmers Hole punch Paper sheets Spring scissors Card Toilet roll tubes	Bridging Smaller objects Irregular shapes Different shapes	Simple Fold Regular paper
EMERGENT	PVA glue brush Finger glue Glue sticks	Paper strips Whole hand scissors	Stacking Larger objects Regular shapes Same shapes	Scrunching Thin paper

AREA: PAINTING

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Behaviour	Printing	Mixing	Brushing
<b>HIGH LEVEL</b> <b>Other than paper</b> <b>Overhead surfaces</b> <b>Textured surfaces</b>	Natural resources (dependent on size) Man-made objects (marbles, nuts/bolts etc.) Small/ irregular shaped recycled materials Cotton Buds	Pipettes Felt pens, crayons, pastels Sticks Small brushes Variety of colours Acrylic paints Brusho inks Powder paints	Large scale marking tools Handmade brushes A variety of tools to choose for a specific purpose Small brushes
<b>MID LEVEL</b> <b>Smaller individual paper</b> <b>Sloped surfaces</b> <b>Flat surfaces</b>	Fingers Fruit & vegetables Large/ regular shaped recycled materials Large paint brushes Regular shaped sponges 3D shaped objects	Large brushes Sponges Primary colours Watercolours	Medium brushes Natural materials (sticks/ leaves attached to handles)
<b>EMERGENT</b> <b>Large individual paper</b> <b>Roll of shared paper</b> <b>Vertical surfaces</b> <b>Horizontal surfaces</b>	Vehicles Rollers ( variety textures/patterns) Large sponges Large blocks Hands/ feet	Dot pens Hands Two colours Premixed paints	Big rollers with handles Big brushes

AREA: CREATIVE / ART TABLE

Behaviour	Painting (Surfaces/ Child's)	Cutting	Printing	Joining
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			(Paint / Malleable Materials)	
HIGH LEVEL	Finer brushes Paper cotton buds Smaller paper Horizontal painting on tables	Graters Different materials (cardboard / cloth etc.) Cutting along a line Plastic knives Regular scissors	Natural resources (leaves, seeds, sticks etc.) Man-made objects (cars/ marbles) Small/ irregular shaped recycled materials Cotton buds Fingers	String / ribbons Staplers Treasury tags Small hole punches Elastic bands Paper clips Split pins Large hole punches Plasticine
MID LEVEL	Horizontal painting on floor Medium paper Medium brushes Rollers Sponges	Thicker paper Plastic scissors/playdough Spring scissors Cutting playdough	Bubbles Fruit & vegetables Large/ regular shaped recycled materials Large paint brushes Regular shaped sponges 3D shaped objects	Bulldog pins Staplers Pegs Tape dispenser Tape (Masking / Scotch) PVA glue Blu tack
EMERGENT	Dotted paints Big paper Vertical painting Hands to colour mix Buckets of water Big rollers Big brushes	Playdoh/plastic scissors Thinner paper Loop handled scissors Free cutting/ snipping Tearing	Rollers (variety of textures/patterns) Large sponges Large blocks Hands	Play dough Glue sticks Pre prepared tape pieces

AREA: SMALL WORLD

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Behaviour	Character Development	Story Telling	Environment
HIGH LEVEL	Unfamiliar fantasy invented by the child Unfamiliar real life situations Tales Toolkit stories	Own resources Block people Resources that are not gender specific Made up characters Mini mes	Models made in construction Junk modelling materials Fabrics Natural materials
MID LEVEL	Mini mes (throughout each stage) Shared fantasy Familiar situations e.g. school, shop, restaurant Tales Toolkit stories	Mini mes Finger puppets/story characters Retelling of familiar stories	Non-specific resources (cave, toad stools etc)
EMERGENT	Familiar fantasy Superheroes and weapons Characters from well-known films/tv shows/books Familiar domestic situations e.g. home Tales Toolkit stories	Animals Mini mes Hand puppets/puppet theatre? Cars/ Robots /Trains Dinosaurs Vehicles	Specific resources (airport, fire engines, car park, rocket, pirate ship, houses, castles etc)

AREA: DECONSTRUCTIVE ROLE PLAY

Behaviour	Dressing Up	Construction	Representation
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<b>HIGH LEVEL</b>	Pillow case (to turn into anything) Joining materials (string, tape, pegs, velcro, safety pins) Mark making tools Sashes	Outdoor resources Joining materials (string, tape, pegs, velcro, safety pins) Tools Glue Hammer and nails Padlocks and keys	Anything! (Tales toolkit inspired) Let the children choose what goes in there Recycled materials Furniture (e.g. table, chairs etc)
<b>MID LEVEL</b>	Different materials (larger sizes) Sparkly fabric Hessian Fur Ribbons Feathers	Planks / logs Different sized boxes Different types of fabric Tape, paper, scissors Mark making tools Pegs	Fabric Boxes Tubes Joining materials
<b>EMERGENT</b>	Accessories Pre prepared themed costumes Generic dress up boxes	Different solid boxes Cushions Blankets Objects like dolls, spoons, cups etc	Literal representation of objects (bowls, cups, spoons, dolls etc) e.g. a teapot is a teapot

### AREA: CONSTRUCTION

Behaviour	Stacking	Enclosing	Bridging	Joining
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HIGH LEVEL	Lego Blocks and objects (Odd sizes) Pebbles Natural objects Recycled materials Planks	Lego Nuts and bolts Metal tools (screwdriver) Happy Architect Crazy Forts/Joins Hole puncher and string	Large scale resources: Big tube roll Bricks Balancing (big planks)	Elastic bands / Kiner hinges Needles (Big) Duct tape Meccano Treasury Tags Crazy Forts / Joins Hole punch and string
MID LEVEL	Blocks (different sizes) Duplo Heavier boxes Containers (tins etc) Magnatiles	Duplo Pegs Magnatiles Boxes, tape, scissors Staplers	Cardboard boxes, scissors, tape Rulers Blu tack Guttering Water pipes	Tape dispenser Paper clips Water pipes and connectors Sand String Pegs Fasteners Staples / Scissors
EMERGENT	Stickle bricks Cups Stacking blocks poly Blocks (even size)	Blocks Small boxes Cups Stickle bricks Large, soft lego (foam) Soft play 3D shapes	Stickle bricks Blocks Planks	Stickle bricks Pipe cleaners Paper and glue Creature builders Train set

AREA: MALLEABLE

Behaviour	Roll Flat	Knead/ Squeeze	Pat/ Mould	Cutting	Coiling	Mixing
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<p><b>HIGH LEVEL</b></p> <p><i>Plasticine</i></p>	<p>Rolling pins without handles Cylinders/Metal bottles Fingers/Hands</p>	<p>Finger tips Plasticine Tools (syringe) Muruku mould Piping bag Zip lock bag Clay</p>	<p>Finger tips and thumb Playdough moulds Making small sizes Cubes</p>	<p>Wire/fishing line/clay wire Smaller scissors</p>	<p>Finger tips and long sausage (playdough)</p>	<p>Metal teaspoons/spoons Measuring spoons Scales / Jugs / Water dispensers Smaller bowls</p>
<p><b>MID LEVEL</b></p> <p><i>Clay</i></p>	<p>Rolling pins with side handles</p>	<p>Knuckle/Fist (one hand) Board Potato masher Colander</p>	<p>Making small balls Palm together</p>	<p>Butter knives Scissors with spring</p>	<p>On table (roll a sausage)</p>	<p>Hands Smaller cups Pictures/instructions Big bowls</p>
<p><b>EMERGENT</b></p> <p><i>Playdough</i></p>	<p>Standing at tables/more space</p>	<p>Sponges Hands</p>	<p>Making big balls Patting (whole palm)</p>	<p>Scissors with loop handles Roller/cutter Wooden knives Rulers</p>	<p>Rolling a sausage between both hands</p>	<p>Cups Whisk Scoops Wooden spoon Tuff spot</p>

AREA: WATER

Behaviour	Pouring/ Emptying	Filling	Submerging	Manipulation	Transporting	Stemming (Stopping flow)
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<p><b>HIGH LEVEL</b></p> <p><b>Fingers</b></p> <p><b>Hand</b></p> <p><b>Small work space</b></p>	<p>Funnels</p> <p>Scoops</p> <p>Cups</p> <p>Spoons</p>	<p>See high level pouring</p> <p>Very small containers</p> <p>Oversized containers</p>	<p>Irregular small objects (ducks, toys)</p> <p>Large dolls</p> <p>Malleable materials</p>	<p>Syringes</p> <p>Droppers</p> <p>Straws</p> <p>Pipes (various size)</p> <p>Basters</p> <p>Spoons</p>	<p>More Water</p> <p>Sponges, slatted spoons</p> <p>tubes + links irregular hollows containers</p>	<p>Malleable materials</p> <p>Natural materials</p> <p>Loose parts</p>
<p><b>MID LEVEL</b></p> <p><b>Wrist</b></p> <p><b>Hand</b></p> <p><b>Medium work space</b></p>	<p>Various sized jugs/ buckets</p> <p>One handled containers with spouts</p>	<p>Larger containers</p> <p>One hand with Small containers</p> <p>Transferring from hand to hand</p>	<p>Blocks</p> <p>Regular floating objects</p> <p>Flat-bottomed objects</p> <p>Sponges</p> <p>Glass beads</p> <p>Stones</p> <p>Floating objects</p>	<p>Water wheels</p> <p>Sponges</p> <p>Natural materials sticks, leaves</p> <p>Filters</p>	<p>Two water trays on different levels</p> <p>Ramps</p>	<p>Valves</p> <p>Taps</p> <p>Dam</p> <p>Pre-cut blocks</p> <p>Toys</p>
<p><b>EMERGENT</b></p> <p><b>Elbow</b></p> <p><b>Shoulder</b></p> <p><b>Whole Body</b></p> <p><b>Large work space</b></p>	<p>Two handled containers with spouts</p> <p>Hands</p>	<p>Small containers</p> <p>Two hands</p> <p>Standing</p>	<p>Dolls/ toys</p> <p>Body parts</p> <p>Hands</p>	<p>One handled containers</p> <p>Two handled containers</p> <p>Colanders/ sieves</p> <p>Fingers</p>	<p>One handled containers</p> <p>Two handled containers</p> <p>Less water</p>	<p>Fingers</p> <p>Hands</p>