

# HANDLING GIFT GUIDE

We often get asked at the Orchard, what would be useful presents for children to support their learning. We have collated a gift wish list with items to support home learning for Handling – if you wish to purchase any.

## STEPS 2-5

There are no specific resources needed for children working between steps 2 to 5. Children working in these steps will require lots of shared and co-active experiences with different textures and in a variety of materials. Children will tolerate a hand massage and may begin to repeat some of their own body actions. When working at these steps, children are developing their ability to hold and release objects, stretch for things and pass objects from one hand to another.

## STEP 6

- o Ring stacker to encourage using both hands together
- o Drum/shaker/claves/rainmaker to practise hitting/banging/shaking/turning
- o Wobbly toy to repeat the action of knocking over
- o Revolving mirror to develop hand-eye co-ordination
- o Playdough to encourage an isolated finger to prod, poke, squeeze



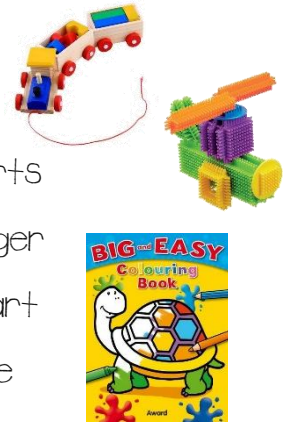
## STEP 7

- o Different mark making tools (sponges, chalk balls, rollers)
- o Large whiteboard or blackboard to practise mark making on different surfaces
- o AquaDoodle mat to encourage use of a range of tools to make marks



## STEP 8

- Suspended toy to encourage repetition of an action
- Noisy toys to promote independent manipulation of parts
- Pull-along train to encourage use of thumb & index finger
- Stickle bricks to develop dexterity to pull objects apart
- Simple colouring books to encourage purposeful scribble



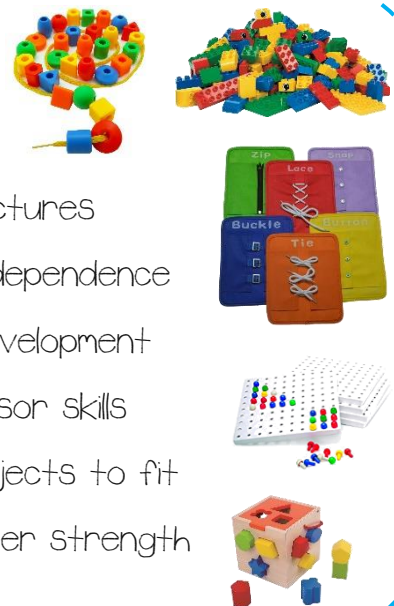
## STEP 9 & 10

- Press & release toys to develop cause/effect
- Board books & paper books to practise turning pages
- Wooden blocks for building and stacking
- Large peg board for developing hand-eye co-ordination
- Ring stacker for developing hand-eye co-ordination
- Playdough for poking/prodding/squeezing/rolling/cutting



## STEPS 11 & 12

- Large wooden beads to practise threading
- Duplo / Megablox / Lego for building simple structures
- Button and zip toys to develop dexterity & independence
- Small pegs and pegboard for fine-motor skill development
- Training scissors to allow adult teaching of scissor skills
- Shape sorter to encourage manipulation of objects to fit
- Water squirt toys for promoting hand and finger strength



## STEPS 13 & 14

- Playdough/plasticine to practise rolling, squashing, squeezing
- Bricks for building simple bridges/steps
- Money box to practise accuracy of putting coins in
- Hand/finger puppets to encourage individual finger movements
- Lock & key toys to develop accuracy & turning motion
- Lacing / weaving for hand-eye co-ordination
- Tweezer games to enhance fine-motor skills
- Wind-up dial toys for building finger strength



## STEPS 15 & 16

- Regular & patterned scissors to practise cutting skills
- Lacing and weaving for hand-eye co-ordination practise
- Toys with fastenings to practise for their independence (Velcro, press studs, zip, buttons)
- Lego to build more complex structures
- Playdough to develop imagination to create something
- Simple beginners cross-stitch to encourage dexterity

