

UNDERSTANDING SCHEMATIC PLAY...

Type of Schema

example resources to support this.

Positioning Schema

They may be observed lining up and arranging items in a certain order. They may also enjoy stacking objects.



A variety of loose parts such as;
pegs, shells, sticks, leaves, lids and
more...

Wooden blocks

Number stones

Rotational Schema

They may enjoy spinning, rolling, twisting and turning themselves or objects. When mark making they will create circles.



Objects with wheels such as cars
and trains.

Large Wheels

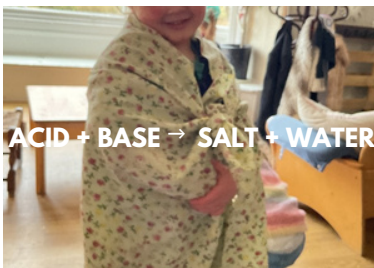
Hula Hoops

Playdough for rolling

Drawing circles

Enveloping Schema

They enjoy wrapping and hiding themselves or objects.



Babies and blankets

Material / Scarves

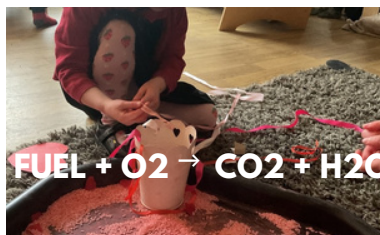
Dress up

Boxes & bags

Sensory exploration trays

Connecting Schema

They are interested in the way objects join and link together.



Threading with beads, pasta,
bobbins.

Weaving materials

Building with blocks

Glue/tape



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Trajectory Schema

Moving objects by throwing, rolling and dropping.



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A variety of balls, beanbags etc
Ramps for rolling / pouring water
Splashing in water

Enclosing Schema

Containing things and creating borders around objects or themselves.



blocks, sticks, fences etc to create
borders around objects or
themselves.
Boxes to climb into to contain
themselves.

Transporting Schema

Carrying or moving objects around using
pockets, their hands, bags and more...



A variety of sized
bags
Lidded boxes/containers

Orientation Schema

They are interested in how objects and around
them looks from different angles e.g. hanging
upside down, looking through tubes and also
using mirrors for their reflection.



mirrors
movement play
tubes/ binoculars

