Mirrored Box Play

Mirrored box play is a simple activity that can help to support children to play alongside a familiar adult, as they lead on the play. It is a form of intensive interaction which demonstrates to the child the value in sharing a play experience and sharing resources.



You will need:

- One Transparent container
- Selection of objects that are motivating to the child. It is important that there are two of each object. These need to be identical, for example, two matching cars, two matching blocks, two matching plastic ducks.
- An area that suits the learner. This may need to be a quieter area in the classroom or a separate space.

What to do:

As the child takes an object, the adult then mimics the child's actions.

Child then to take another item, adult copies the item they take and the way in which the child interacts with this item. For example, if the child stacks the items, then the adult is to mirror this play in the same way.

If the child takes two of the same object, the adult is to take the pairing object from the child and include it in the adults play.

The interaction stops when the child appears to have had enough of the shared interaction experience.