



Developing scissor skills

Activity card 1

Learning objective

Developing the muscles used for cutting with scissors and familiarizing children with the opening and closing motion.

Activities

Use tongs to pick up various items eg jewels, cotton wool balls, small toys, beads etc

Use squirty bottles, squirt toys, basters etc in the water tray (or outside to paint the walls with water). Show children how to squeeze and release to fill with water and then to make the water come out.

Use single hole punches / shape punches to make different shapes - work on the open/close concept using one hand.

Songs - sing Twinkle twinkle little star and 'Open, shut them' - works on open/close concept and builds hand strength.

Use a variety of wind up toys - this activity uses one hand to hold and one hand to do.

Use clothes pegs for a variety of activities - pairing socks, ordering numbers etc - develops hand strength and concept of squeeze/release.

On the playdough table provide scissors and garlic presses (make spaghetti).