

# Playing and Exploring

*Children will be learning to:*

*Realise that their actions have an effect on the world, so they want to keep repeating them.*

*Plan and think ahead about how they will explore or play with objects.*

*Guide their own thinking and actions by referring to visual aids or by talking to themselves while playing. For example, a child doing a jigsaw might whisper under their breath: "Where does that one go? – I need to find the big horse next."*

*Make independent choices.*

*Bring their own interests and fascinations into early years settings. This helps them to develop their learning.*

*Respond to new experiences that you bring to their attention.*

