



Kildare Library and Arts Services

# Toys, Technology and Training

Toys and assistive software catalogue



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# Toys, Technology and Training Project

## What is the TTT Project?

Kildare Library Services would like to inform you about our specialised Toys, Technology and Training Project.

The collection is designed to offer support to children and adults with learning difficulties, disabilities or more significant needs. Based in Athy, Leixlip and Naas Libraries this specialised collection of toys, software and assistive technology can be accessed free of charge in branches throughout the county and can be borrowed or utilised by joining up at any Kildare library. Items in the catalogue can be requested or renewed online and collected by the borrower at their nearest branch library.

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The collection was chosen by the staff of Kildare Library Service in partnership with therapists working in the community.

The Project also includes the Training element of “TTT” which is our annual series of free lectures and workshops. These events offer further guidance, support and networking opportunities for parents, teachers and healthcare professionals.

For up to date details of future talks and events relating to the TTT Project please subscribe to the TTT newsletter at [kildarecoco.ie/library/newsletter](http://kildarecoco.ie/library/newsletter).

Attendance at all of the events is free of charge and open to everyone but advance booking is required. Please contact the library where the talk is happening to book your place.

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- Items in this catalogue are current at time of publication (2018) but some items may be withdrawn or replaced.

The background is a vibrant yellow-orange gradient. It is decorated with several circular gear icons of varying sizes. Inside some of these gears are white icons representing different concepts: a hand, a puzzle piece, a paint palette with a brush, a speech bubble, a computer monitor, a pencil and paper, and a flower-like shape. The overall theme is technology and accessibility.

# Assistive Software & Technology

Software can be borrowed or used on a public  
access computer in your local library by  
arrangement.

May not be compatible with all operating systems.

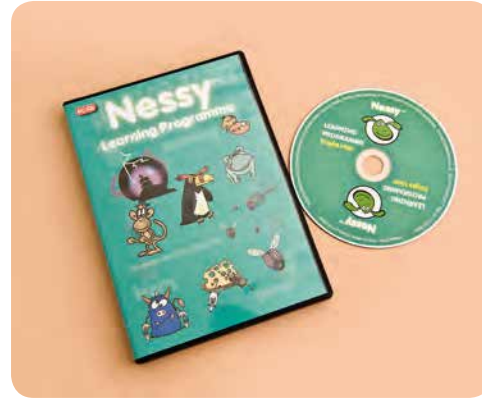
# Assistive Software & Technology



## Nessy Fingers: Touch Typing

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Touch typing course.



## Nessy Learning Programme

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Ideal for use in the classroom.  
Ideal for students with dyslexia or dyspraxia.

A cumulative structure of incremental lessons.

Learning is focused into small manageable steps.



## Bee Bot

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A programmable robot that promotes planning and directional language. Programme the Bee Bot to move across the room or use the variety of activity mats available. Have the Bee Bot negotiate its way around an obstacle course by programming it to move left, right, forward or backward.



## Code & Go® Robot Mouse Activity Set

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This kit has been specifically designed to engage and inspire primary children in science, technology, engineering and maths lessons to develop enthusiasm from a young age.



# Assistive Software & Technology



## Blue Bot Programmable Floor Robot

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Blue-Bot is a perfect starting point for teaching control, and you can wirelessly control it with your tablet or PC.

Students can also record audio to play back when each button is pressed, making it more accessible to all students, including those with auditory or visual processing needs.

Blue-Bot has a clear shell so children can see the components inside.



## Blue Bot Programming TacTile Reader

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A unique and extremely fun way to program Blue-Bot: place your instructions on the tile reader, press go and see Blue-Bot® complete the program!

The tiles can be placed either portrait or landscape depending on how the child wants to lay out their program and if they want to debug their program, simply swap the tiles and press 'go' to try their program again.



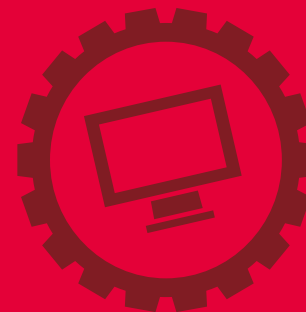
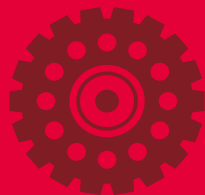
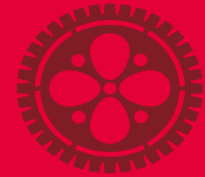
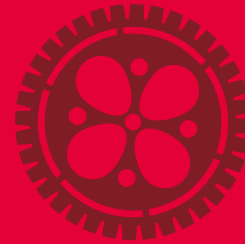
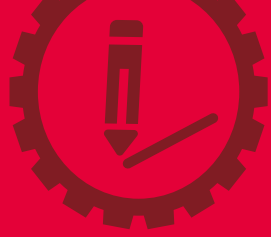
## Rami Code

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Rami Code facilitates the first experiences of "programming". It stimulates computational thinking, which is the ability to break down a problem into more simple and solvable parts.

# Fine Motor Skills

Fine motor skills are the coordination of muscles, bones, and nerves to produce small, precise movements. These items have been chosen to aid fine motor skills and many promote other skills such as literacy and problem solving.



# Fine Motor Skills



## Design and Drill

Design & Drill is ideal for developing motor skills and encourages creativity as children secure the colourful bolts into the activity boards.

### Promotes:

- Manual Dexterity
- Fine Motor Precision
- Hand-eye Coordination
- Imaginative Play



## Double Handed Tracking Boards

The child has to guide a wooden pencil along the pattern carved into this sturdy wooden board. Comes in a pear and star design. Suitable for right- or left-handed children.

### Promotes:

- Handwriting Skills and Pencil Grip
- Fine Motor Precision
- Visual Motor Skills



## Froggy Feeding Fun

Squeeze the frog's mouth to catch a treat in this fine motor skills game. Players roll the dice to determine the number and colour of flies to collect, then manipulate the durable plastic frog to collect them.

### Promotes:

- Handwriting Position
- Teaches Colours
- Counting
- Fine Motor Precision



## Graphical Exercise Set

Each set has three manipulative boards which can be separated.

### Promotes:

- Fine Motor Precision
- Visual Motor Integration
- Pre-handwriting Skills



## String Cars

Thread the cotton lace through the openings on either side of the vehicles and string up a collection.

### Promotes:

- Fine Motor Precision
- Manual Dexterity
- Bilateral Co-ordination
- Sequencing
- Counting skills



## String Farm

Thread the cotton lace through the openings on either side of the animals and string up a collection.

### Promotes:

- Fine Motor Precision
- Manual Dexterity
- Bilateral Co-ordination
- Sequencing
- Counting skills



## Megability Beads

Set includes 6 beads ranging in size, soft nylon string and features a handle and a stopper bead.

### Promotes:

- Fine Motor Precision
- Manual Dexterity
- Large Motor Planning
- Hand-eye Co-ordination
- Bilateral Integration
- Colour Recognition



## Take-Along Tool Kit

This 24-piece set includes wooden nails, screws, nuts, and bolts. As well as using this as a construction activity you can ask the child to count the number of tools and identify each one or sort items by colour or type.

### Promotes:

- Manual Dexterity
- Early Maths Skills
- Fun and Imaginative Play

# Fine Motor Skills



## Super Sorting Pie

Place the sorting cards into the bottom of the pan to provide visual cues that support success. Top crust becomes a bowl to conveniently hold plastic fruit. Jumbo tweezers reinforce fine motor skills.

### Promotes:

- Counting, Colours and Shapes
- Sorting and Organisation
- Fine Motor Skills



## Button-up Bear

This bear allows the child to participate in a number of fine motor tasks. They will also be able to match shapes and colours.

### Promotes:

- Fine Motor Skills
- Matching and Sorting
- Colour Recognition
- Counting



## Rotating Disc Puzzle

Rotate the discs to move them up and down the pole.

### Promotes:

- Fine Motor Skills
- Hand-eye Co-ordination
- Visual Perception
- Motor Planning
- Problem Solving Skills



## Magnetic Maze Pack

Use the magnetic wand to move the ball around the mazes.

### Promotes:

- Fine Motor Skills
- Hand-eye Co-ordination
- Pre-literacy Skills



## Marble Maze Farm

Use the magnetic wand to move the ball around the farm maze.

### Promotes:

- Fine Motor Skills
- Hand-eye Coordination
- Pre-literacy Skills



## Route Maze

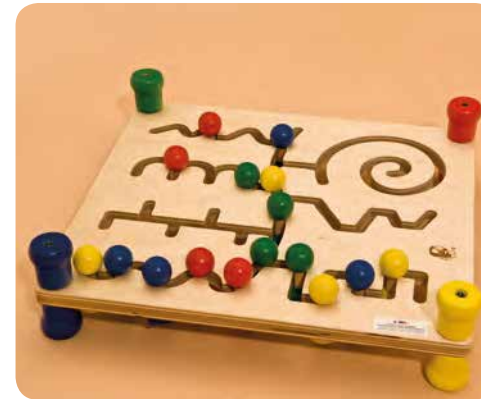
Move the large peg across the wooden maze.

### Two mazes available:

Right Angle Maze and Quadruple Maze.

### Promotes:

- Fine Motor Skills
- Motor Planning
- Visual Perception



## Route Builder

Move the pegs around the board to make one of the twelve patterns. Can be set at different angles for double-sided play.

### Promotes:

- Fine Motor Skills
- Motor Planning
- Hand-eye Co-ordination
- Pre-writing Skills



## Threaders

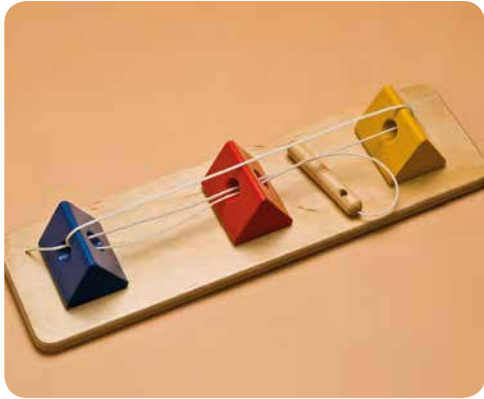
Thread the large chunky needle through the holes.

**A variety of threaders are available.**

### Promotes:

- Fine Motor Skills
- Hand-eye Co-ordination
- Sequencing
- Problem Solving

# Fine Motor Skills



## Three Triangle Threader

Thread the lace through the wooden triangles. Suitable for those who have difficulty with hand control.

### Promotes:

- Fine Motor Skills
- Hand-eye Co-ordination
- Sequencing
- Problem Solving



## Slanted Writing Board

Sloped surfaces are easier to write on and can provide assistance to children who have difficulty with handwriting.

### Promotes:

- Literacy Skills
- Fine Motor Skills



## Ruff's House Tactile

Help the fuzzy dog sort through all the textured rubber and cloth bones he hid in his doghouse. Builds fine motor sensory play skills, plus teaches children about matching, taking turns and sharing. Features a variety of rubber and cloth bones: smooth, silky, scratchy, bumpy, ridged and more.

### Promotes:

- Fine Motor Skills
- Colour Recognition
- Counting
- Sorting
- Imaginative Play



## Abacus

Wooden abacus.

### Promotes:

- Fine Motor Skills
- Hand-eye Co-ordination
- Numeracy Skills
- Colour Recognition



## Fanta Colour Design Set

A pegboard set with multiple design options.

### Promotes:

- Fine Motor Skills
- Hand-eye Coordination
- Visual Perception
- Creative Skills



## Peg Puzzles

Extra large peg puzzles for easy hand grasp.

### Options include:

House, Shapes, Farmyard, Pets, Geometric Shapes.

### Promotes:

- Fine Motor Skills
- Hand-eye Coordination
- Visual Perception



## Fine Motor Skills Kit

A selection of items used to improve fine motor skills and writing skills.

### Contains items such as:

- Handtrainer Eggs
- Squeeze Foam
- Scissors
- Tweezers
- Springy Coils

*Items in the kit may differ from photograph*



The background is a solid teal color. It is decorated with several circular gear icons of various sizes. Some gears contain white icons: a hand, a pencil and paper, a puzzle piece, a speech bubble, a paint palette and brush, and a computer monitor. Other gears are empty or contain abstract patterns like a four-petaled flower or a star.

# Gross Motor Skills

Gross motor skills are tasks that utilise the gross or large muscles of the body like those in the arms, legs and core. Walking, balancing, and crawling all utilise gross muscles.



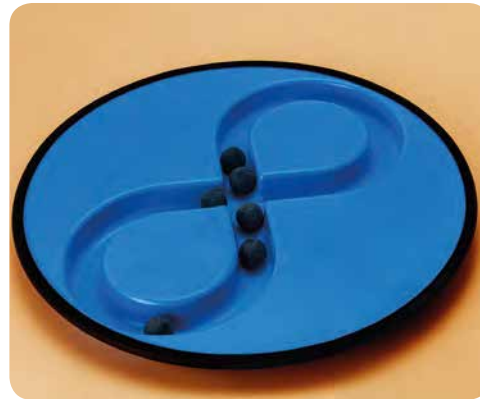
## Balance Board Maze

The maze in this balance board distracts from the balancing exercise thus making the challenge harder compared with a standard balancing board.

While this board can take weight up to 80 kg, the footprint size makes it suitable for 3-10 years.

### Promotes:

- Balance
- Motor Planning
- Visual Processing



## Figure 8 Maze

This figure 8 maze is a table top activity. The deeply grooved pattern allows all children to be successful by coordinating the pressure with the hands to move the ball through the maze.

### Promotes:

- Crossing Midline
- Encourages Hand Dominance
- Coordinating Body Sides
- Hand-eye Coordination



## Core Disk

These inflatable Core Disk cushions are designed to encourage movement, balance and increased sensory awareness in a variety of situations.

### Promotes:

- Strengthening of Core Muscles
- Can be used as Fidget Seat



## Balance Disc

A unique balancing board for play. The board consists of a hard plastic surface with non-skid elevations in artificial rubber to give a good foothold.

### Promotes:

- Balance Skills
- Righting Reactions

# Gross Motor Skills



## Balance Seat

T-shaped seat which encourages child to maintain a midline position and work to keep central. Provides movement input without bouncing.

### Promotes:

- Gross Motor Skills
- Core Stability



## Monkey Balance Board

Small balance board perfectly sized for little feet.

### Promotes:

- Gross Motor Skills
- Sense of Balance
- Coordination
- Reaction
- Concentration



## Putt Putt Balance Board

Move the ball around the maze while keeping your balance on the board.

### Promotes:

- Gross Motor Skills
- Flexibility
- Coordination
- Balance



## Tai Chi Balance Board

A balance board with a ball on an inner track. Children can move the ball along the track by balancing on the board and moving it back and forth.

### Promotes:

- Gross Motor Skills
- Balance
- Coordination



## Balanco Board

The maze on this balance board distracts from the balancing exercise thus making the challenge harder compared with a standard balancing board. This product contains 3 easily replaced inserts each with a different challenge level.

This balance board can take a maximum load of 120 kg.

### Promotes:

- Balance Skills
- Righting Reactions



## Balancing Egg

The Balancing Egg is unique in combining a lot of fun with awareness of posture and development of balancing skills. The base of the egg is a soft ring that adapts to the head of each child. The skill now is to build your egg, piece by piece, on this base. Younger children can start by balancing one or two pieces of the egg. To challenge those who have perfected the skill (not an easy task), place some items inside the egg. Suitable from ages 7-14.

### Promotes:

- Balance
- Core Muscle Strength
- Motor Planning



## Rotago

Rotago is a system of spin which is challenging and fun. The rotation results from body movement and the up/down design of the base track. Holding the child's hands allows it to be fun for those who find it too challenging. Max load 120kg.

### Promotes:

- Core Muscle Strength
- Balance
- Coordination
- Cardiovascular Training
- Kinesthetic Perception



## Floor Surfer

This item has wheels at the bottom of it. The child can sit on it and scoot – promoting balance, or they can lie on it and propel themselves with their hands – promoting core muscle strength. The board allows the child to receive proprioceptive feedback (information into muscles and joints) which can help with concentration.

### Promotes:

- Balance
- Core Muscle Strength
- Upper Body Strengthening

# Gross Motor Skills



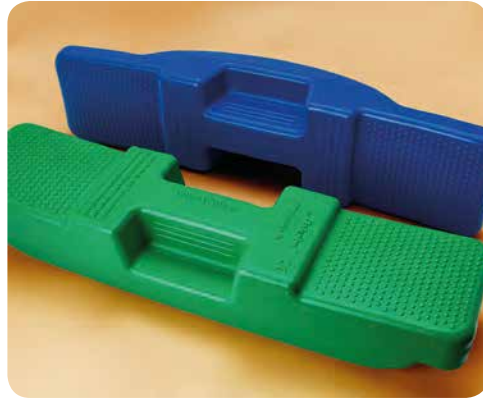
## Popper Board

The child can stand, sit, rock, tilt and wobble on this device. It makes a pleasant popping sound when it moves.

Weight limit: Approximately 110 lbs

### Promotes:

- Core Strength and Stability
- Balance
- Coordination



## Wippsider/ Wippwalker

An easy to use see-saw and walking toy for developing a sense of balance.

### Promotes:

- Balance
- Righting Reactions
- Motor Control



## Rocking Seesaw

This Rocking Seesaw is ideal for teaching balance, control and coordination. The non-slip rubber inserts provide sensory stimulation for the feet.

### Promotes:

- Balance
- Righting Reactions
- Vestibular Input



## Rainbow River Stepping Stones

Each stone features a different slope and texture that challenges balancing skills while providing sensory stimulation to children's feet.

The game's difficulty level can be adjusted through 3 directional points and the ability to stack two stones together. This 6-piece activity set includes stepping stones of three different sizes.

### Promotes:

- Balance
- Tactile Sensory Input
- Righting Reactions



## Walking Turtle

Children can kneel, sit or stand on the turtles back and rock gently from side to side to move along the floor.

### Promotes:

- Gross Motor Skills
- Balance
- Co-ordination



## Rotation Board

Hold the handles while spinning or rocking on the board in circles.

### Promotes:

- Gross Motor Skills
- Balance
- Co-ordination



## Roller Seat

Sit in the 'U' shape or sit across and the roller seat can move in any direction. For indoor use only.

### Promotes:

- Gross Motor Skills
- Co-ordination



## Scooter Board

Sit or lie on the board and scoot or be pulled along.

### Promotes:

- Gross Motor Skills
- Upper Body Strength
- Development of Movement
- Balance

# Gross Motor Skills



## Rock Around

Allows for gentle circular rocking motion with room for one or more children.

### Promotes:

- Gross Motor Skills
- Balance
- Co-ordination



## Bilibo

A spinning seat. Spinning activities should always be monitored. Never spin a child without their permission.

### Promotes:

- Gross Motor Skills
- Balance
- Posture Control
- Sensory Processing



## Forever Up-Down

Hand-held activity. Manipulate the ball around and around while keeping it on the track.

### Promotes:

- Gross Motor Skills
- Visual Perception
- Spatial Skills



## Peanut Sensory Roll

A peanut shaped physio roll with a bumpy surface all over.

### Promotes:

- Gross Motor Skills
- Sensory and Tactile Input



## Peanut Physio Roll

Peanut shaped Physio Roll.

### Promotes:

- Flexibility
- Co-ordination
- Gross Motor Skills
- Core Strengthening
- Balance



## Gym Ball

Large therapy balls.

### Available in sizes:

45cm and 55cm

### Promotes:

- Flexibility
- Co-ordination
- Gross Motor Skills
- Core Strengthening
- Balance



## Sit 'n' Gym Ball

A physio ball with little feet underneath to stop it rolling while still allowing for bouncing movement.

### Available in sizes:

45cm and 55cm

### Promotes:

- Gross Motor Skills
- Core Stability
- Balance



## Large Sensory Ball

A large soft ball with a bumpy surface all over. Suitable for throwing and catching activities.

### Promotes:

- Gross Motor Skills
- Core Stability
- Sensory Stimulation



# Gross Motor Skills



## Tactile Massage Ball

Gym ball with an all-over pimpled surface for a sensory and tactile experience.

### Promotes:

- Gross Motor Skills
- Sensory Stimulation



## Tactile Discs

Tactile material that challenges children's sense of touch on both hands and feet. The tactile discs, made of nice-to-touch synthetic rubber, contain different tactile structures, each with its own colour. A set of 5 different tactile structures in a range of colours.

### Promotes:

- Tactile Integration
- Regulation
- Matching and Counting



## Gross Motor Skills Kit

A selection of items used to promote Gross Motor Skills.

### Contains items such as:

- Bean Bag Balls
- Bean Bag Bears
- Monster Mitts
- Reaction Balls
- Sure Katchball

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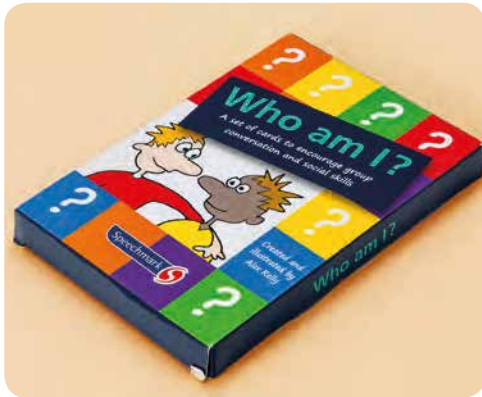


# Speech, Language and Social Skills

Social skills are used to interact and communicate with others.

These items have been chosen to aid both verbal and non-verbal communication, such as speech, language, gesture, facial expression and body language.

# Speech, Language and Social Skills



## Who Am I?

The cards can be used in a number of ways such as a warm-up game, group cohesion activity or a closing game. They can be used to get a new group or for players to get to know one another by asking appropriate questions. The cards will therefore help to stimulate group conversation and allow people to practice and improve good social skills with others.

### Promotes:

- Communication
- Social Skills

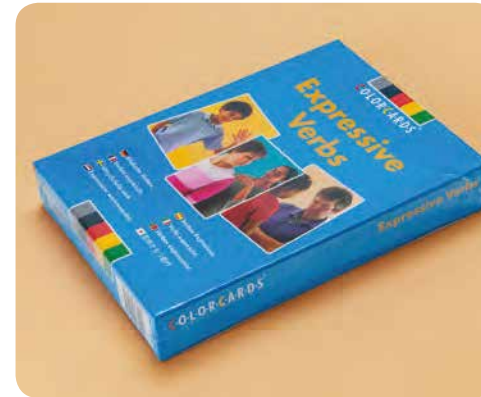


## Basic Sequences

Designed to support language development for children and adults. Basic Sequences features cards in 16 three-step sequences of common activities like shaving, writing, eating, reading and painting.

### Promotes:

- Communication
- Organisation
- Sequencing

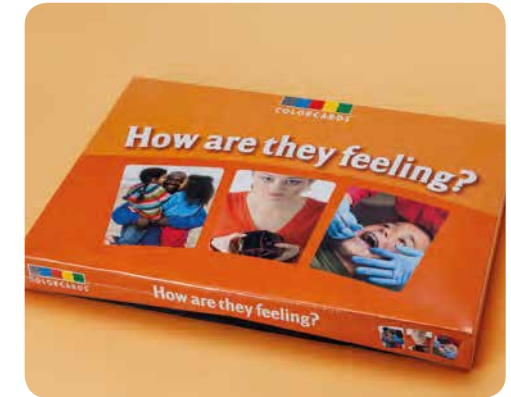


## Expressive Verbs

The 48 cards depict a wide range of states such as listening and frowning, intentions such as beckoning and stopping, reactions such as hushing and sneering, and emotions such as anger and happiness. Includes: fingers – counting, tapping on the shoulder; hands – waving, shaking hands; faces – frowning, raising eyebrows.

### Promotes:

- Communication
- Social Skills



## How are they feeling?

Cards with different activities and expressions. The child has to guess how the person is feeling using the clues from the pictures.

### Promotes:

- Reading Faces and Contexts
- Communication Skills
- Emotional Intelligence

# Speech, Language and Social Skills



## Problem Solving

The child tells you what they see in the cards and what they might do in that situation.

### Promotes:

- Communication
- Social Reasoning
- Problem-solving



## Simple Sequences

The child sorts the cards into simple sequences of actions.

### Promotes:

- Communication
- Sequencing
- Problem-solving

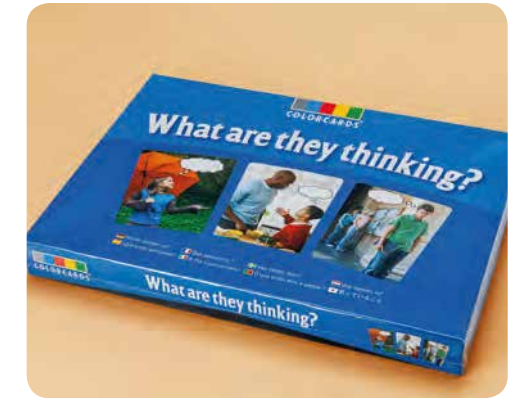


## Sequences Verb Tenses

The child sorts the cards into sequences of actions.

### Promotes:

- Communication
- Learning about 'action words'



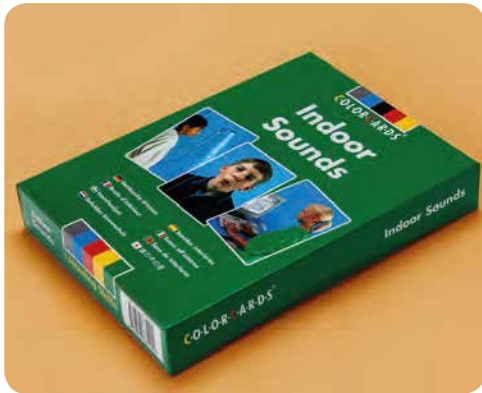
## What are they Thinking?

Cards with different activities and expressions. The child has to guess what the person might be thinking using the clues from the pictures.

### Promotes:

- Reading Faces and Contexts
- Communication Skills
- Emotional Intelligence

# Speech, Language and Social Skills

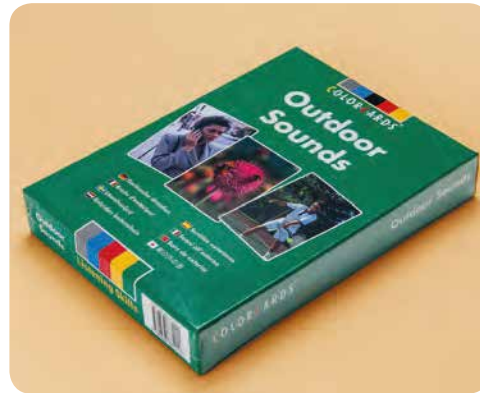


## Indoor Sounds

Cards with different activities and a CD with matching sounds. The child has to match the Indoor sound with the picture card.

### Promotes:

- Listening Skills



## Outdoor Sounds

Cards with different activities and a CD with matching sounds. The child has to match the Outdoor sound with the picture card.

### Promotes:

- Listening Skills



## What Can You See?

This entertaining game can be played by both individuals and groups. Each of the selection of pictures is viewed through a space in the book's pages, gradually revealing more and more of the image. This allows players to guess what they can see, encouraging communication and vocabulary building.

### Promotes:

- Listening skills
- Attention and Concentration
- Logical Thought
- Visual Perception
- Problem Solving
- Expressive Language



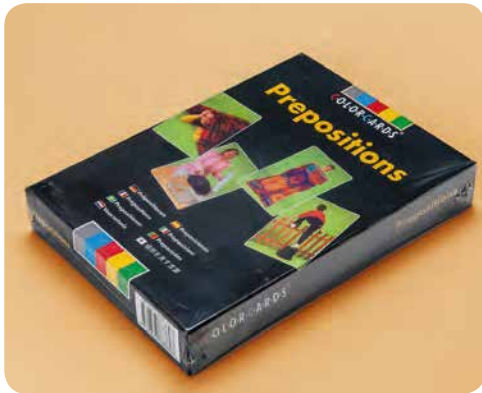
## Multi-Match Categories

Comprising two sets of identical pairs, Multi Match has been designed for a variety of games, matching tasks and activities suitable for children, adolescents and adults.

### Promotes:

- Communication
- Attention and Concentration

# Speech, Language and Social Skills



## Prepositions

Eight prepositions have been photographed six times in different contexts. The concepts and vocabulary shown relate to common experiences such as a cat on a lap; while other cards introduce humour with for example, a bear queuing at a bus stop.

### Promotes:

- Language Development
- Communication

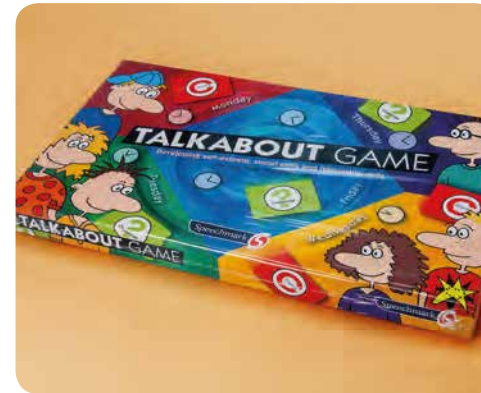


## The Socially Speaking Game

The game focuses on social interaction in three key areas: home, school and wider community.

### Promotes:

- Listening
- Social Skills

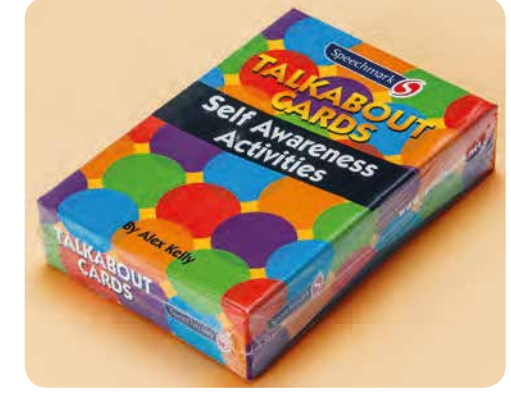


## Talkabout Game

The Talkabout board game is a journey through the week where a player will encounter a number of different social skills tasks that need to be completed in order to get to the end of the week.

### Promotes:

- Self-Awareness
- Self-Esteem
- Body Language
- Conversational Skills
- Assertiveness Skills



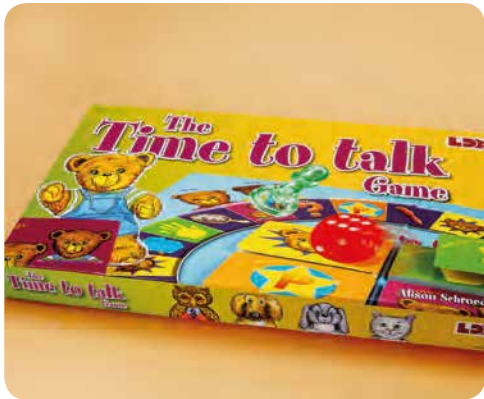
## Talkabout Cards Self Awareness Activities

Fun, quick and easy to play, this game features the familiar Talkabout drawings to provide visual cues. There are 20 group games. Each game card includes instructions for playing the game and colour coding to show which cards are best to use. A lot of the activities can be made easier or harder by increasing or decreasing the number of cards.

### Promotes:

- Self-Awareness
- Social Skills

# Speech, Language and Social Skills



## The Time to Talk Game

Get children talking and interacting with this board game. The game teaches and develops essential language and social skills for children aged 4-7.

### Promotes:

- Listening
- Turn-taking
- Basic Conversations
- Non-verbal Communication
- Eye Contact
- Understanding Feelings



## Verbs and Prepositions

Use these cards to help children practice saying sentences and learn how to use verbs in every day life. Prepositions are used in most sentences and they are learned early on in a child's development.

### Promotes:

- Vocabulary
- Verbal Comprehension
- Communication
- Social Skills



## Early Language

Includes Early Vocabulary and Language Concepts packs. Is your child talking yet? If not, use these cards to encourage him/her to start talking and also begin to use more descriptive words as well.

### Promotes:

- Early Concepts
- Vocabulary
- Verbal Comprehension
- Communication
- Word Association
- Social Skills



## Word Association

Allow your child to use language in a colourful humorous way. If your child is talking, but needs help to expand their language skills by learning to describe, explain and discuss things, then these cards are excellent.

### Promotes:

- Communication
- Verbal Reasoning
- Language Processing
- Problem Solving
- Word Association
- Logical Thinking
- Social Skills

# Speech, Language and Social Skills



## Better Builders Community People

Better Builders Community People is a ball and rod construction toy with colourful faces, uniforms, and personalities!

### Promotes:

- Communication
- Play
- Manual Dexterity
- Imagination
- Colour Recognition



## Better Builders Emotions

Better Builders Emotions is a ball and rod construction toy assembled as 6 dramatic play characters. The faces express 6 distinct emotions to which children can relate: happy, sad, angry, surprised, confused, and scared.

### Promotes:

- Understanding Feelings
- Verbal and Non-verbal Communication
- Imaginative Play



## Spring People

Four people, fitted into spring loaded tubes, which bounce up and down at the slightest touch. It can be used to teach counting and colours or can be used as a 'cause and effect' toy.

### Promotes:

- Counting
- Colours
- Cause and Effect



## Concentration Skills Kit

A selection of items used to promote Concentration Skills.

### Contains items such as:

- Handtrainer
- Tangle
- Magnetic Polydron
- Bean Bag Bears
- Stress Ball Set

*Items in the kit may differ from the photograph*



# Speech, Language and Social Skills



## See and Learn Vocabulary Kit

Introduces children to their first words at the earliest stage of language development (18+ months) in approximate developmental order.



## See and Learn Phrases Kit

Teaches children to put spoken words together in a range of two key word phrases and to read their first sight words and phrases.



## See and Learn Sentences Kit

The next step, pulling together all the words that the children have learned so far, along with some extra vocabulary, into a reading scheme of 25 books focusing on sentences and grammar.



## See and Learn First Counting Kit

Teaches children to count to 10 and to understand important concepts about the number system.

## See and Learn Kits Down Syndrome Ireland

- Developed by Down Syndrome Education International to specifically support the learning needs of young children with Down Syndrome
- Evidence led, structured programmes which help children with Down syndrome develop their speech, language, early literacy, and numeracy skills
- Easily used by parents and professionals



## Electronic Discovery Doors

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Electronic Discovery Doors are ideal for enriching children's language through the use of technology. Model rich language and introduce new vocabulary by recording questions, learning provocations and sounds.

A wooden panel featuring five magical doors, each with 30 seconds record time.

Personalise each door with sounds, messages, stories and instructions

Use the slotted space behind each for your own inserts.



# Play and Life Skills

Through play, children can develop physical, social and cognitive skills.

These items have been chosen to aid these skills and to develop confidence in everyday and new experiences.



## Dress a Pillar

This toy helps your child learn to dress. There are small pockets to place rewards in for accomplishment and there are six dressing activities e.g. lacing, buckles, buttons, zips etc.

### Promotes:

- Fine Motor Skills
- Dressing Skills
- Bilateral Coordination
- Hand-eye Coordination



## Learn to Dress Monkey

This is a 21-inch tall monkey featuring 11 dressing activities. Your child can learn to snap on straps, button, hook and loop, zipper etc. Includes runners, socks, dungarees and t-shirt, all completely removable for taking on and off.

### Promotes:

- Dressing Skills
- Fine Motor Skills
- Sequencing
- Imaginative Play



## Octavius the Octopus

Octavius is the perfect tool for teaching dressing skills as each of his legs offers a fine motor manipulative task such as button, buckle, snap or tie.

### Promotes:

- Sensory and Tactile Stimulation
- Fine Motor Skills
- Social Skills



## Learning Frames

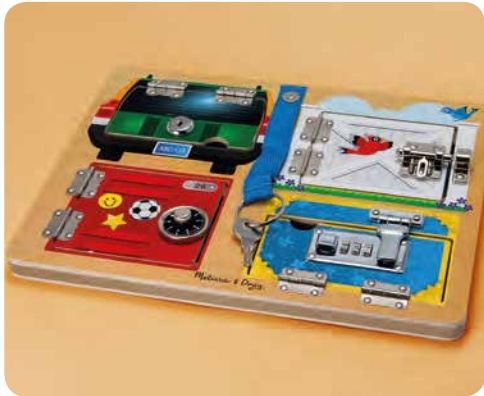
The dressing frames are a set of wooden frames with two pieces of cloth attached to the sides, which can be fastened together at the centre.

There are 12 Frames: one of each Large Buttons, Small Buttons, Zip, Buckles, Toggles, Snap Buttons, Ties, Laces, Velcro, Rings, Safety Pins, Loop buttons.

### Promotes:

- Dressing Skills
- Fine Motor Skills
- Sequencing

# Play and Life Skills



## Lock and Latch Board

Unlock, unlatch, open the hinged panels, and count on finding fun when the pictures beneath are revealed.

### Promotes:

- Functional Skills
- Manual Dexterity
- Language



## Basic Skills Board

Learn to dress Bear. Practice buttons, zips, velcro, laces and buckles

### Promotes:

- Dressing Skills
- Fine Motor Skills
- Bilateral Movements
- Memory



## Lacing shoe

Lacing Shoe.

### Promotes:

- Developing Independence
- Fine Motor Skills
- Bilateral Inegration
- Dressing Skills



## Latches Board

Undo a latch, open the door and reveal the picture beneath. Learn colours, numbers and animals.

### Promotes:

- Basic Problem Solving
- Fine Motor Skills
- Colour and Number Recognition
- Counting
- Bilateral Movement



## Wooden Doorbell House

This doorbell house features four electronic doorbells, four locks with matching keys and four poseable play dolls

### Promotes:

- Fine Motor Skills
- Creativity
- Auditory Skills



## Coloured Overlays

Mutes the contrast between text and background for those with dyslexia and some other reading difficulties.

### Promotes:

- Literacy Skills
- Sensory and Tactile Stimulation



## Sand Timers

3, 10, 15 and 30 minute sand timers.

### Promotes:

- Start and Finish Tasks
- Time Management



## Sleep Timer Bunny Clock

Bunny's face indicates when it's time to get up.

### Promotes:

- Good Bedtime Routine



# Sensory and Tactile

Sensory and tactile stimulation involves the sensation of touch and texture.

These items have been chosen to offer a variety of different tactile and sensory sensations.

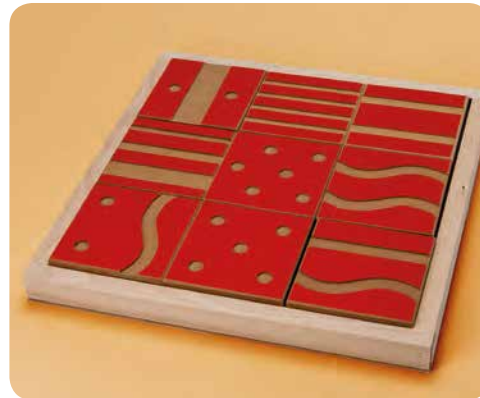


## Guessing Box

A hands on way to encourage young learners about shapes and textures. Includes: 20 wooden texture blocks and 20 animal shapes.

### Promotes:

- Tactile Discrimination
- Multi-sensory Approach to Learning
- Turn-taking



## Tactile Matching Game

Create shapes and patterns with 18 individual red and blue wooden tiles stored in a wooden tray.

### Promotes:

- Matching
- Creativity
- Construction
- Visual Perception



## Bumpity Blocks

A set of tactile blocks with bumpy surface all over.

### Promotes:

- Visual Perception
- Fine Motor Skills
- Hand-eye Co-ordination
- Sensory and Tactile Stimulation



## Diffraction Tube Ladder

Each of the five tubes is a different colour, is highly reflective and turns with a light touch. Can be used in two positions, upright on base or with rollers in a more horizontal position

### Promotes:

- Stress Reduction
- Relaxation
- Manual Dexterity



# Sensory and Tactile



## Mirror Chimeabout

Wooden spinning frame with jangly shiny leaves.

### Promotes:

- Sensory Stimulation
- Tactile Stimulation
- Auditory Stimulation
- Visual Focus
- Visual Tracking



## Feelie Dice

Six cubes spin on their axis. Matching pairs can be found and the order rearranged.

### Promotes:

- Sensory Stimulation
- Matching Skills



## Bitty Bottoms Cushion

Small cushions with marbles inside, suitable for children who need to fidget and move.

### Promotes:

- Sensory and Tactile Stimulation
- Core Strengthening



## Disc 'o' Sit Cushion

Allows for 'active sitting' or movement while sitting.

### Available in:

- Junior Size
- Regular Size

### Promotes:

- Sensory Stimulation
- Balance
- Core Strengthening
- Can aid Concentration



## Move 'n' Sit Wedge Cushion

Wedge shaped cushion. Allows for 'active sitting' or movement while sitting.

### Available in:

Junior Size  
Regular Size

### Promotes:

- Gross Motor Skills
- Sensory Stimulation
- Core Strengthening
- Can aid Concentration



## Sit on Air Cushion

A straight edge faces on the back of the chair for a dynamic sitting position. When it faces the front of the chair it allows for a relaxed sitting position.

### Promotes:

- Balance
- Core Stability
- Tactile Feedback and Stimulation
- Can aid Concentration



## Large Air Cushion

Large inflatable cushion suitable for floor work. Size: 55cm.

### Promotes:

- Balance
- Tactile Feedback



## Weighted Ball

The weighted balls are filled exclusively with water. Their surface allows to achieve a good grip.

### 2 weights available:

2kg Yellow  
3kg Blue

### Promotes:

- Aiming and Catching
- Concentration

# Sensory and Tactile



## Tote Around Hound

A weighted dog (2.3kg) which provides input and stability enabling a child to focus.

### Promotes:

- Relaxation
- Concentration
- Sensory Integration
- Calming



## Weighted Lizard

The Weighted Lizard is a comforting companion. Through the provided pressure, it can help children remain attentive in class, focus during homework, alleviate excess energy or provide the necessary calmness for bedtime. A period of use of 15 to 20 minutes is recommended due to the weight. Ages 3 +.

### Promotes:

- Relaxation
- Concentration
- Regulation



## Weighted Snake

The Sensory Weighted Snuggle Snake provides a gentle weight to help facilitate proprioceptive input as it wraps snugly around the upper shoulder area. This fun design and cute fabric makes this friendly snake perfect to wear during school activities, or during times that require good attention. The Sensory Snake can also be placed in the lap if this is more comfortable for the child.

### Promotes:

- Relaxation
- Regulation
- Concentration



## Weighted Lap Pad

A weighted lap pad which provides reassuring downward pressure to the upper thighs while the user is in a seated position.

### Promotes:

- Relaxation
- Concentration
- Self-Regulation
- Calming



## Weighted Lap Blankets

Weighted Lap Blankets have a calming effect, helping attention span and reducing excessive fidgeting. The deep pressure provided will assist your child with just the right input.

### Set of three

Each blanket weighs 3 lbs.

### Promotes:

- Relaxation
- Concentration
- Self-Regulation
- Calming



## Finger Colour Mats

A set of 5 flexible mats with coloured oil. Simple pressure moves the oil around the mat, leaving a temporary trail where pressure has been applied.

### Promotes:

- Fine Motor Skills
- Hand Strengthening
- Calming
- Cause and Effect



## Fidget Mat

A weighted lap pad with lots of fidgets including pull-string vibration.

### Promotes:

- Sensory Stimulation
- Self-Regulation
- Calming



## Grippies

Sensory and Magnetic Exploration toy.

### Promotes:

- Develops Tactile Senses
- Sensory Stimulation
- Concentration

# Sensory and Tactile



## Laser Sphere

This dual use laser pod is a relaxing colour changing mood light as well as being a light show projector. The semi sphere top attached creates patterns within the sphere. Remove the top and a dazzling light show is displayed upon the ceiling. Supplied with AC adaptor.

### Promotes:

- Relaxation
- Regulation



## Laser Stars

Rotating lamp that reflects stars onto the ceiling and walls.

### Promotes:

- Sensory Stimulation
- Visual Stimulation
- Self-Regulation
- Calming



## Ear Defenders

Blocks out distracting noise and helps child to focus on a given task.

### Promotes:

- Concentration
- Calming



## Sensory Kit

A selection of items that can be used to help with sensory integration and/or sensory diets.

### Contains items such as:

- Hedgehog balls
- Boomwhackers
- Tangles
- Variety of fidgets

*Items in the kit may differ from the photograph*

# Sensory and Tactile



## Light Up Tactile Glow Spheres

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A set of light-up, textured balls with intricate designs, that can be used for mark-making, fine motor skills, and calming activities.



## Light Up Twist and Turn Spinning Tops

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Underpin a range of key skills as children experiment, explore and make discoveries about how they can get the tops to light up, whirl and twirl.

Tops illuminate when rotated and change colour depending on direction. Great for curious and investigative babies & toddlers, and for developing their motor skills. Simply twist the tops on a hard surface, and see the resource glow.

To charge spinning tops, place on the included docking station.



## Glow, Stack & Build Texture Tower

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Encourage children to shake the discs to light them up, allowing them to experiment with cause and effect.

The textured design provides an additional sensory appeal, while the tactile properties allow children to grip and manipulate the discs.

Children will love placing these varying textured discs onto the included wooden post.

Supports children's schematic interests as they roll, thread and stack.

Includes docking station for recharging.



## Glow Construction

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A set of construction bricks in two sizes that light up and change colour when they are turned.

Set of 12 cubes (4 medium, 8 small)

*Photograph shows two (2) Glow Construction sets*

# Sensory and Tactile



## **Glow Pebbles**

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Illuminated pebbles that can be stacked and rolled for engaging sensory learning.

A great resource for sensory rooms and a novel way of encouraging children to experiment and explore.

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