



Puzzle Play

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Maya has really shown an interest in completing different puzzles. Jigsaws, stacking cups, stacking rings and shape sorters she is developing her fine motor and cognitive development skills as she completes these different puzzles. I set up a variety of different types of puzzles on the puzzle mat for Maya to complete. She walked over and chose the lock board. "I want this one" Maya said. She began to fiddle and unlock each of the different types of locks to open the doors."

Puzzles enable a child to develop problem solving skills on how to place a piece in the correct space, cognitive skills through visual space awareness, fine motor skills to learn how to grasp and pick up pieces through manipulation, hand/eye co-ordination by placing puzzle pieces in correct order and social skills by completing puzzles with peers.

Linking To The EYLF Outcomes

- LO/1 Children have a strong sense of identity
- LO/2 Children are connected with and contribute to their world
- LO/3 Children have a strong sense of wellbeing
- LO/4 Children are confident and involved learners
- LO/5 Children are effective communicators