

Reception.

22- 36 months	Experiments with blocks, colours and marks Operates mechanical toys, e.g. turns the knob on a wind-up toy or pulls back on a friction car.
30-50 months	Uses various construction materials. Beginning to construct, stacking blocks vertically and horizontally, making enclosures and creating spaces. Joins construction pieces together to build and balance. Realises tools can be used for a purpose. Knows how to operate simple equipment. Shows an interest in technological toys with knobs or pulleys, or real objects. Shows skill in making toys work by pressing parts or lifting flaps to achieve effects such as sound, movements or new images.
40 to 60 + Months	Manipulates materials to achieve a planned effect. • Constructs with a purpose in mind, using a variety of resources. • Uses simple tools and techniques competently and appropriately. • Selects appropriate resources and adapts work where necessary. • Selects tools and techniques needed to shape, assemble and join materials they are using.
Early Learning Goal	They safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function. Children recognise that a range of technology is used in places such as homes and schools. They select and use technology for particular purposes.