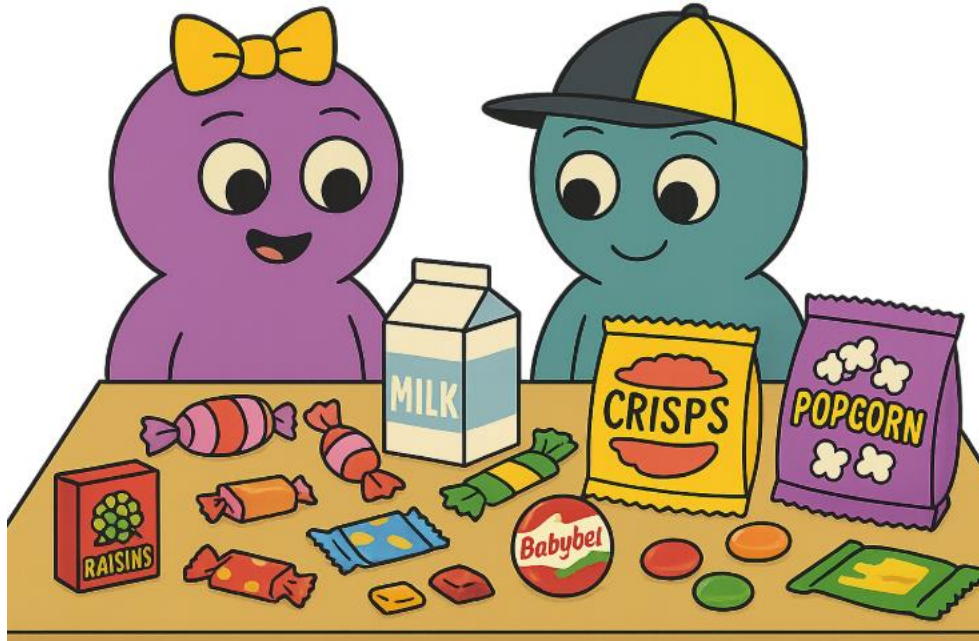


Developmental Play Activity Overview

Sorting Snacks



Year Group/s: EYFS

EYFS Curriculum Framework Links:

- Physical Development
- Understanding the World
- Communication and Language
- Mathematics

Summary:

This activity will have students become real detectives! Children will explore a range of everyday snacks and the packaging they come in. They will need to feel and identify these materials such as plastic, paper, cardboard, or foil. Children will then sort the packaging into material groups. This activity supports children's understanding of materials and raises awareness of what everyday items are made from.

Prior Knowledge required:

- To recognise common materials – plastic, cardboard and metal
- To understand sorting
- To know objects are made from different materials

Learning objective:

To sort objects into the materials in which they are made.

- I can name what material packaging is made from
- I can sort packaging into groups
- I can talk about what my snack is wrapped in

Prepare before the lesson:

- A range of familiar snacks in wrapped in different materials (e.g. fruit bars, crackers, yoghurt drinks, raisin packets)
- Prepared labelled sorting trays/hoops with pictures of the material on

Optional:

- Fluro high visibility jackets for the student to wear as they get to character
- Hard hat safety helmet
- Protective eye wear
- Magnifying glass

Activity Outline:

1. Children are invited to explore a table with a range of snacks and their packaging on a tuff tray.
2. Children examine and feel the snacks and discuss what each one is wrapped in.
3. Adults support children in naming the material (plastic, paper, cardboard, foil)
4. Children place the packaging into the correct sorting tray or hoop
5. Children are encouraged to compare materials and talk about how they look and feel and why different materials may have been used. This can be linked to fruit which does not come in any packaging. Discussions can be had around what is better for our environment – packaging or no packaging.