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1) Creating Curiosity – 3x Minutes 3x containers day



These are the sorts of bags you could use.



These are the sorts of sensory objects that you can fill your containers/bags with.



These are some examples of the containers you could use. You could pull the containers out of an interesting hat to add more engagement.

The
Curiosity Programme
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Creating Curiosity

This programme is designed to support children

- Who need to work 1:1 before starting the main Attention Autism 4 stage programme,
- Are too young to be working in a group e.g. developmentally younger than 2 years old,
- have additional severe learning difficulties and flourish in the earliest stages of attention development work,
- do not yet have tolerances for group working.

Extra Information

- This programme needs to happen daily for 6 months—3x Minutes 3x Days 6x Months
- Senior Leaders should know about the programme.
- This can be done at home for parents to experience with their child.
- Child should have a photo of the person they are working with before starting each session.

Have a special bag/box/container that indicates the beginning of a session



Have a variety of containers (15-20 for the programme) (with a variety of colour/opening/textures).

Inside each container should be a variety of objects/materials at a sensory level.

For example: lentils, glitter, coloured matchsticks, leaves, lavender, snow, jelly etc. No symbolic objects should be used.

Engage with the child by admiring the container, open the container, be excited what is inside the container and then close it (this should be as short as possible). Offer it to the child on a flat hand. The child then has the chance to explore the container and the contents of it. After 4 weeks move onto bags (again the bags should be varying)

- Take it Admire it Offer it
- Vary the complexity of the opening of the container (zip/screw/pop/pull etc)
- Alternate between bags and containers throughout the week.
- Move onto larger containers/bags once you have used all containers/bags
- FUN/LAUGHTER/FASCINATION

If the child loses interest within the **three minutes stay available** so that they can return.