

### Communication & Language

- Express themselves with increasingly complex language.
- Contribute to group discussions.
- Use increasingly complex prepositions.
- Pay attention while others are speaking.
- Follow three simple instructions.
- Recite rhymes on their own.

### Physical Development

- Throw a ball into a container.
- Demonstrate increased hand-eye co-ordination.
- Build a structure with blocks.
- Pour liquid into a narrow container.

### Personal, Social & Emotional Development

- Demonstrate initiative.
- Handle materials with recognition of their fragility.
- Display a sense of humour.
- Take risks.
- Show skill in co-operative play.
- Display concern for others.
- Participate in group discussions.

### Vocabulary

balance scale  
beside  
between  
bounce  
cave  
corner  
cube  
dotted  
fit  
flat  
float  
heavy  
hollow  
in front of  
inside  
light  
on top of  
outside  
ramp  
rhymes  
round  
shape  
sink  
slide  
spotty  
striped  
zigzag

## Boxes and Balls - Learning Focus

### Thematic Concepts

- A box is used to put things in, boxes are different from bags.
- Boxes come in different shapes and sizes, some fit inside others, and they may have corners.
- Balls are round and very different from boxes.
- A ball bounces and rolls.

- We can identify balls and boxes by their feel.
- Some fruits and vegetables are round.
- Boxes have space inside to put things in.
- Boxes are usually flat on top.

### Literacy

- Understand that print conveys meaning.
- Demonstrate growing interest in stories.

### Mathematics

- Classify by one category.
- Sort by size.
- Use non-standard units of measurement.
- Estimate size.
- Know two 3D shapes.
- Count objects to 4.
- Solve simple problems.

### Understanding the World

- Demonstrate scientific method.
- Observe and compare objects.
- Observe the consequences of actions.

### Expressive Arts and Design

- Experiment with and gain skill in using a variety of art materials.
- Pretend and imitate in dramatic play activities.
- Experiment with new media.

**NOTE:** Communication and Language development is a major focus in Curiosity Corner. This is best achieved through consistent teacher modelling, use of talk partners and co-operative learning strategies and encouraging children to work together.