## **Playing and Exploring**

Being willing to have a go Finding out and exploring Using what they know in their play

Building blocks that children will be	ENABLING ENVIRONMENTS	Role and actions of the adult	
learning to do			
Explore their environment and be curious to find out more.	Stimulating resources are freely available to children and they can access them when they wish	Play alongside children and show own interest in learning and identifying new things	
<ul> <li>Reach for and accept objects. Make choices and explore different resources and materials.</li> </ul>	Resources are allowed to be used in different and creative ways by children  When appropriate guidance on how to engage with a	Help children to do what they are trying to do without taking over. explain aloud thinking that identifies how to overcome problems	
<ul> <li>Plan and think ahead about how they will explore or play with objects.</li> </ul>	resource or activity is available to pupils  Make sure resources are relevant to pupils interests and	Join in with play that children are undertaking, fitting in with their ideas and actively encouraging those who need it	
<ul> <li>Show curiosity about objects, events and people.</li> </ul>	Indoor and outdoor space is flexible and pupils can adapt it and take things from one area to another if	Model pretending that objects are something else and how to develop stories and activities	
<ul> <li>Guide their own thinking and actions by talking to themselves while playing.</li> </ul>	needed/appropriate	Encourage children to try something new	
Make independent choices. Do     things independently that they	Opportunities for role play are available and promoted with high quality resources and guidance	Help children identify risks and dangers  Offer reassurance and reward when children lack	
have been previously taught.	Some areas are calm and orderly to support pupils in concentrating when this is needed	confidence to try new things	
<ul> <li>Bring their own interests and fascinations into early years settings. This helps them to develop their learning.</li> </ul>	First hand experiences are planned for and are frequent element of children's experiences and activities	Pay attention to how individual children are engaging in activities (the challenges they face, their effort, thoughts, approach and enjoyment)	
<ul> <li>Respond to new experiences that you bring to their attention.</li> </ul>	Small world resources and activities are varied and made attractive to all pupils	Talk about and show examples of how we get better at things by practising them lots and learning from mistakes and when things go wrong	
Use my senses to explore the world.	Exploration tables/areas are created and these are used by adults to develop children's ability to explore and investigate		
	Game type activities and resources are a key feature/element of continuous provision.		