

Ngā taonga tākaro

Let pēpi take the lead when you read pukapuka together.

Pēpi may:

- want to share the same pukapuka over and over again
- want to go straight to a certain page
- choose a book themselves and give it to you to read.

Learn kupu Māori, write them on stickers and put them in familiar places to help everyone use them regularly.

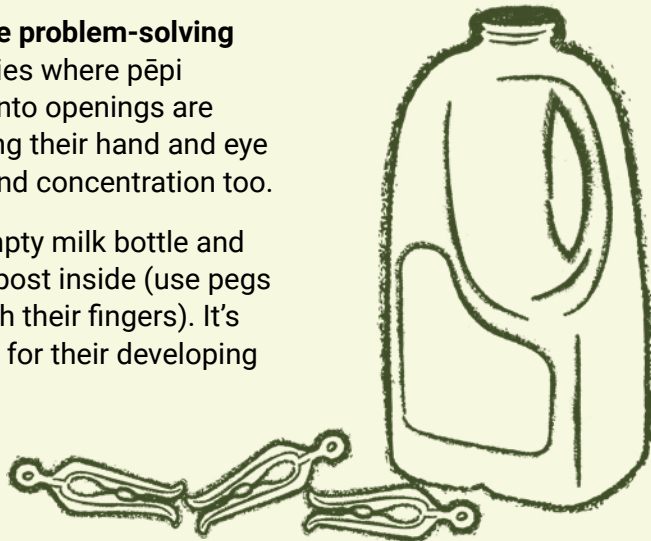
moenga – bed

tūru – chair

kākahu – clothes

Give pēpi some problem-solving games. Activities where pēpi 'posts' things into openings are great for helping their hand and eye coordination and concentration too.

Try a clean, empty milk bottle and some pegs to post inside (use pegs that won't pinch their fingers). It's a great activity for their developing hinengaro.



Simple learning games can be made up on the spot with things from around the house. Folding the clean washing could turn into a matching or sorting game.



Tōkena (sock) fun for example:

- Nā wai tēnei tōkena? Whose sock is this?
- Kei hea tētahi atu tōkena whero? Where's the other red sock?
- Whiua ēnei tōkena ki roto i te rourou. Toss these socks in the basket.

Remember to whakanui as much as you can. Ka rawe! Clever! Tino pukumahi! Ka pai tō mahi awhina pēpi.

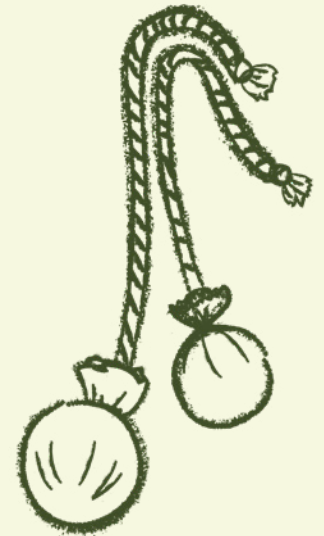
Waiata kōhungahunga

Pēpi enjoy all waiata, and especially waiata with actions. Come and join in this waiata ā-ringa.

Tō ringa ki roto
Tō ringa ki waho
Tō ringa ki roto
Ka ruiruihia
Kei te hope hope au
Kei te hurihuri au
Kei te pakipaki au e!

You can change 'ringa' to 'waewae', 'māhunga' and 'tinana', if you want to add more kupu.

Pēpi loves to hear familiar songs over and over again. They don't even care if you're in tune or not!



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