

Toy and Sensory Resource Collection

Toys and assistive software catalogue



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TOY AND SENSORY RESOURCE COLLECTION

Laois County Library Service would like to inform you about our Sensory Toy Collection available to assist children and adults with additional needs.

Based in Portarlinton and Mountmellick Libraries, this collection can be accessed free of charge to anyone who lives, works or goes to school in County Laois. Terms and conditions of use apply.

The collection was chosen by staff of Laois County Library Service with advice from professionals working in the community. The toys are designed to support the development of gross motor skills, fine motor skills, communication skills and visual perception skills.

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Gross Motor Skills

Gross motor skills are tasks that utilise the gross or large muscles of the body like those in the arms, legs and core. Walking, balancing, and crawling all utilise gross muscles.

Balance Board

The board consists of a hard surface with non-skid elevations in artificial rubber. Performing balancing exercises helps children with coordination problems. Improvements have been seen in rhythm, auditory and visual processing, and motor coordination in children struggling with sensory challenges.

- DIAMETER:** 40cm
- PROMOTES:** Balance Skills, Righting Reactions, Coordination
- LOCATIONS:** Portarlington, Mountmellick



Balance Board: Maze

The maze in this balance board distracts from the balancing exercise thus making the challenge harder compared with a standard balancing board.

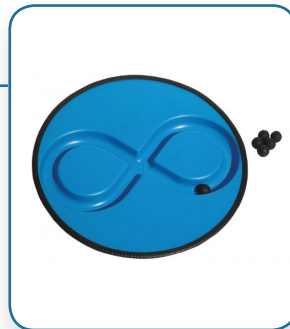
- PROMOTES:** Balance Skills, Visual Processing, Coordination
- LOCATIONS:** Portarlington, Mountmellick



Figure 8

This figure 8 maze is a tabletop activity. The deeply grooved pattern allows all children to be successful by coordinating the pressure with the hands to move the ball through the maze.

- PROMOTES:** Crossing Midline, Encourages Hand Dominance, Coordinating Body Sides & Hand-eye Coordination
- LOCATIONS:** Portarlington, Mountmellick



Putt Putt Balance Board

Move the ball around the maze while keeping your balance on the board.

- PROMOTES:** Gross Motor Skills, Flexibility, Coordination, Balance
- LOCATIONS:** Mountmellick



Balanco

The maze on this balance board distracts from the balancing exercise thus making the challenge harder compared with a standard balancing board. This product contains 3 easily replaced inserts each with a different challenge level.

This balance board can take a maximum load of 120 kg.

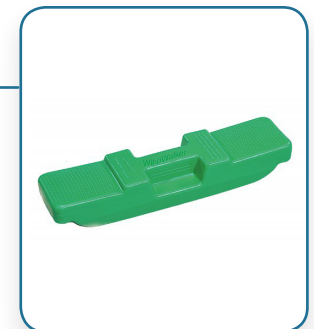
- PROMOTES:** Balance Skills, Righting Reactions, Coordination
- LOCATIONS:** Portarlington, Mountmellick



Wippwalker

An easy to use see-saw and walking toy that helps develop a sense of balance and motor control suitable for children aged 6 +

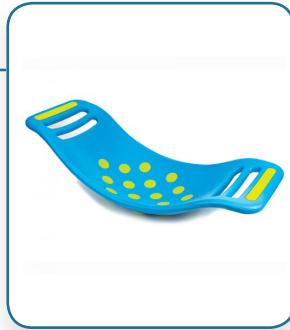
- PROMOTES:** Balance, Righting Reactions, Motor Control
- LOCATIONS:** Portarlington, Mountmellick



Popperboard

A child can stand, sit, rock, tilt and wobble on this device. It makes a pleasant popping sound when it moves. Weight limit: approximately 110lbs.

PROMOTES: Core Strength and Stability
Balance, Coordination
LOCATIONS: Mountmellick



Bilibo

A seat for spinning and rocking. Spinning activities should always be monitored. Never spin a child without their permission.

PROMOTES: Gross Motor Skills, Balance
Posture Control, Sensory Processing
LOCATIONS: Mountmellick



Rocking See-Saw

The Rocking See-Saw is ideal for teaching balance, control and coordination. The non-slip rubber inserts provide sensory stimulation for the feet.

PROMOTES: Balance, Righting Reactions
Vestibular Input
LOCATIONS: Portarlinton, Mountmellick



Spinning Top

A large spinning top used to develop children's physical coordination while they play. Suitable for 1 or 2 children aged 3 – 10 yrs. Size: 80 cm diameter x 44cm high.

PROMOTES: Coordination, Balance
LOCATIONS: Portarlinton, Mountmellick



Roller Seat

Sit in the "U" shaped seat or sit across and the roller seat can move in any direction. For indoor use only.

PROMOTES: Coordination, Core Strengthening, Movement
LOCATIONS: Portarlinton, Mountmellick



Peanut Physio Roll

Peanut shaped physio ball.
Sizes available include:
30cm (Blue), 40cm (Red), 55cm (Green)

PROMOTES: Gross motor Skills, Flexibility, Coordination
Core Strengthening, Balance
LOCATIONS: Portarlinton (all sizes)
Mountmellick (30/40/55cm)



Sens 'o' Roll

This roll is similar to a peanut roll where most of the movement occurs forward and backward giving more stability than a gym ball. This Sens'o'Roll has a bumpy surface for a sensory and tactile experience. Size: 55cm diameter.

- PROMOTES:** Gross motor Skills, Flexibility, Coordination & Balance, Core Strengthening, Sensory Stimulation
LOCATIONS: Portarlinton, Mountmellick



Confetti Ball

Transparent ball filled with colourful pieces of synthetic confetti. Size: 40cm diameter.

- PROMOTES:** Coordination, Alertness
LOCATIONS: Portarlinton



CanDo Donut Ball

CanDo® Donut Ball offers a unique balance challenge to improve balance and build core strength.
 Sizes Available:
 45cm Diameter
 55cm Diameter

- PROMOTES:** Balance, Coordination, Core Strength
LOCATIONS: Portarlinton, Mountmellick



Tactile Massage Ball

This gym ball has a pimpled surface to stimulate muscles and provide a tactile experience for those that crave intense input. Size: 65cm diameter.

- PROMOTES:** Gross Motor Skills, Sensory Stimulation
 Core Strengthening, Balance
LOCATIONS: Portarlinton, Mountmellick



Space Hopper

Develops motor coordination and the closed handle makes it easier to use.

- PROMOTES:** Coordination, Balance, Stability
LOCATIONS: Portarlinton, Mountmellick



Core Disk

This inflatable Core Disk cushion is designed to encourage movement, balance and increased sensory awareness in a variety of situations. It can be used as a fidget seat, stepping stone and balance tool.

- PROMOTES:** Strengthening Core Muscles, Balance
LOCATIONS: Mountmellick



Tactile Discs

A set of 5 different tactile structures in a range of colours, the material challenges a children's sense of touch on both their hands and feet.

PROMOTES: Tactile Integration, Regulation
Matching and Counting

LOCATIONS: Portarlinton



Caterpillar with 16 Handles

Colourful Fabric Snake with 16 handles that challenge balance and coordination.

Size: 3.5m (L) x 12cm (W)

PROMOTES: Coordination, Balance

LOCATIONS: Portarlinton



River Stones

Each triangular shaped stone has varying levels of steepness and difficulty that challenge balancing skills and coordination. The stones can be positioned to create challenging paths for children.

PROMOTES: Balance, Coordination, Righting Reactions

LOCATIONS: Portarlinton, Mountmellick



Grabits

Ideal for grabbing, catching and throwing, Grabits also offer tactile and sensory stimulation.

PROMOTES: Gross Motor Skills, Sensory Stimulation

LOCATIONS: Portarlinton, Mountmellick



Gross Motor Skills

Gross Motor Skills Kit

A selection of items used to promote the development of gross motor skills.

INCLUDES ITEMS SUCH AS:

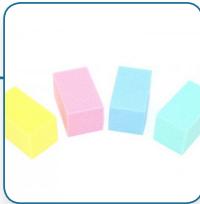
Fruit Salad Bean Bags

Nylon covered bean bags for throwing, handling, juggling, tossing etc.



Squeeze Foam Blocks

For joint mobilization exercises when treating hand injuries and disorders.



Foam Balls

Juggle, throw or squeeze these soft foam balls.



Sure Katchball

Develops of hand-eye coordination.



Juggling Balls

Designed for juggling, throwing or kicking.



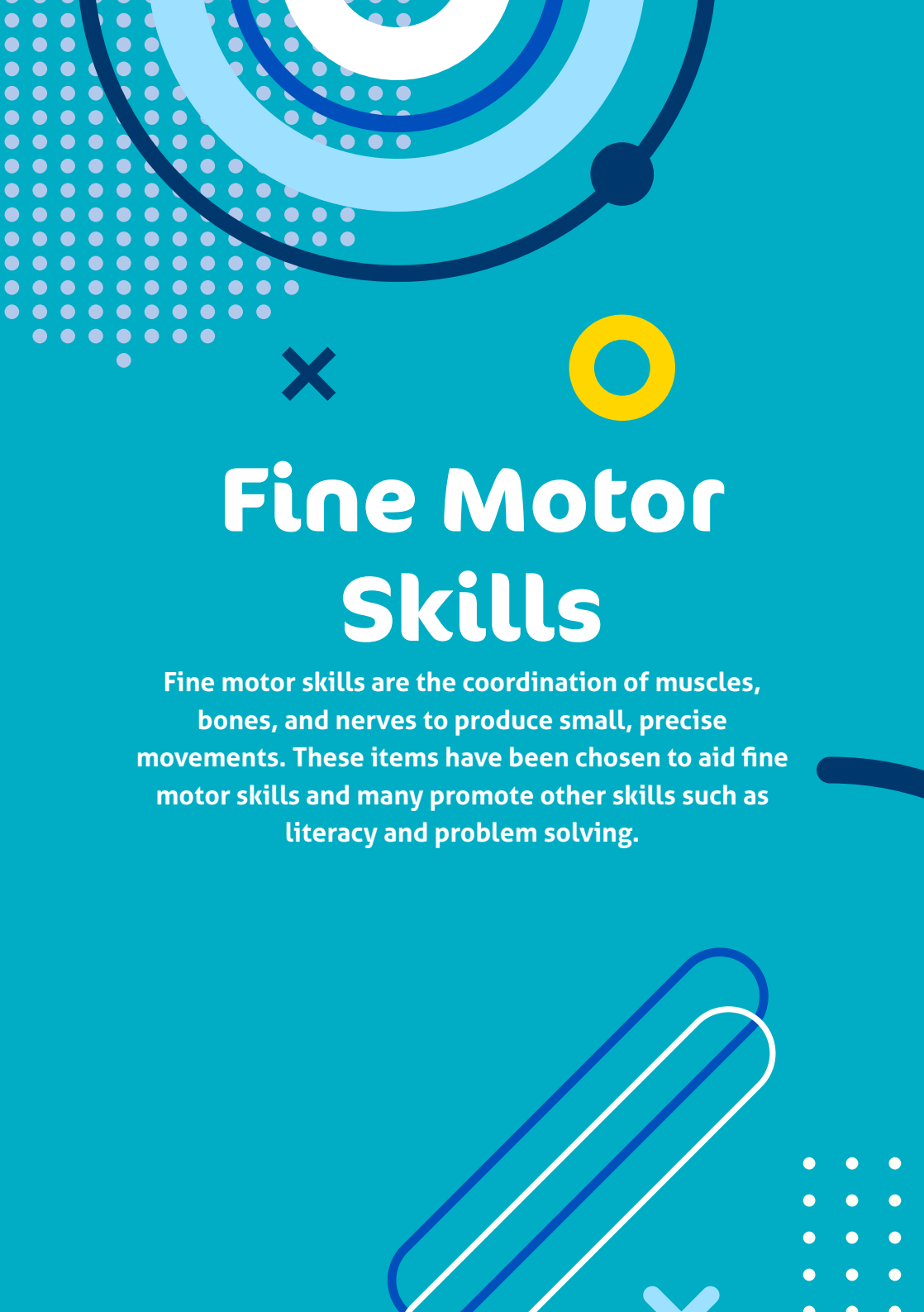
Flextube

Increases muscle mobility of the elbow, upper arm and shoulders.



Items in the kit may differ from the photograph

LOCATIONS: Portarlinton, Mountmellick



Fine Motor Skills

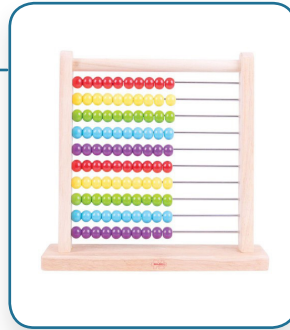
Fine motor skills are the coordination of muscles, bones, and nerves to produce small, precise movements. These items have been chosen to aid fine motor skills and many promote other skills such as literacy and problem solving.

Abacus

Traditional wooden abacus featuring 10 rows with 10 colourful beads on each.

PROMOTES: Fine Motor Skills, Hand-eye Coordination, Numeracy Skills, Colour Recognition

LOCATIONS: Mountmellick



Design & Drill 'Socket to Me'

Design & Drill is ideal for developing motor skills and encouraging creativity as children secure the colourful bolts into the activity boards.

PROMOTES: Manual Dexterity, Hand-Eye Coordination, Fine Motor Precision, Imaginative Play

LOCATIONS: Portarlington

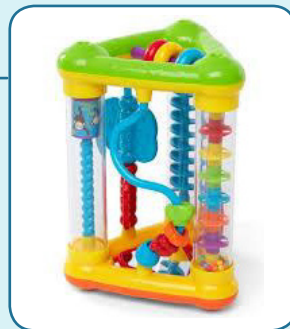


Activity Triangle

Colourful activity triangle with rattling beads, a spinning wheel and rotating shapes.

PROMOTES: Sensory Stimulation, Fine Motor Skills

LOCATIONS: Portarlington



Design & Drill Activity Centre

Design & Drill is ideal for developing motor skills and encouraging creativity as children secure the colourful bolts into the activity boards.

PROMOTES: Manual Dexterity, Hand-Eye Coordination, Fine Motor Precision, Imaginative Play

LOCATIONS: Mountmellick



Connecting Curves & Worksheets

Chunky plastic curves which snap easily together and 24 worksheets to facilitate activities.

PROMOTES: Hand-eye Coordination, Colour Recognition, Visual Perception Skills, Fine Motor Skills

LOCATIONS: Mountmellick



Geokid: Animal Links

Snap, Pop or interlock these 3 different shaped animals in 6 bright colours.

PROMOTES: Colour Recognition, Hand-eye Coordination, Shaping Sorting

LOCATIONS: Mountmellick

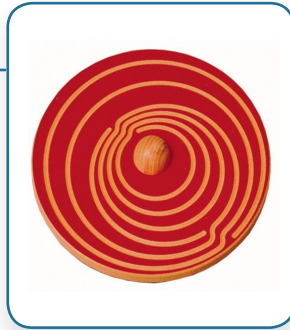


Hand Top Set

Balance the wooden top and direct the various metal balls along the mould-cut lines.

PROMOTES: Fine Motor Skills, Hand-eye Coordination, Visual Perception, Concentration & Patience

LOCATIONS: Mountmellick

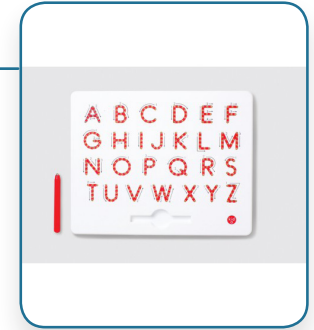


Magnatab - A-Z Upper Case

Drag the stylus over the magnets to learn how to draw capital letters. The pull of the magnets and the click of the beads make this a great sensory learning tool.

PROMOTES: Fine Motor Skills (Pincer Grip), Handwriting Skills, Letter Recognition, Language Skills

LOCATIONS: Portarlington

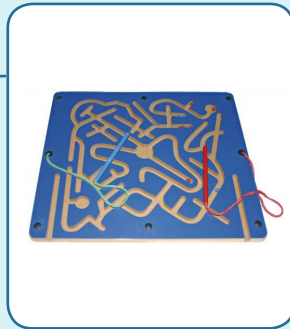


Magnetic Maze

Use the magnetic wand to get the balls to the centre of the maze. Two player.

PROMOTES: Fine Motor Skills, Concentration

LOCATIONS: Mountmellick



Magnatab - A-Z Lower Case

Drag the stylus over the magnets to learn how to draw small letters. The pull of the magnets and the click of the beads make this a great sensory learning tool.

PROMOTES: Fine Motor Skills (Pincer Grip), Handwriting Skills, Letter Recognition, Language Skills

LOCATIONS: Portarlington

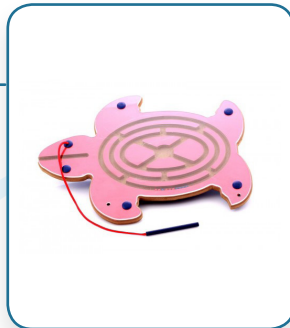


Magnetic Maze Turtle

Use the magnetic wand to get the balls to the centre of the maze.

PROMOTES: Fine Motor Skills, Concentration

LOCATIONS: Mountmellick



Pound a Peg

Use the hammer to pound the colourful wooden pegs into the frame, flip it over and repeat the activity.

PROMOTES: Colour Recognition, Hand-eye Coordination, Fine Motor Skills

LOCATIONS: Mountmellick



Pound & Roll Tower

Use the hammer to knock the 4 brightly coloured balls through the holes, watch and listen as the roll down the ramps.

PROMOTES: Colour Recognition, Size Differentiation Skills, Hand-eye Coordination, Fine Motor Skills

LOCATIONS: Mountmellick

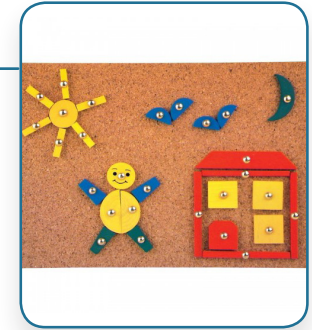


Hammer Game

Create colourful designs on a cork board with the wooden hammer and nails.

PROMOTES: Hand-eye Coordination, Dexterity, Fine Motor Skills

LOCATIONS: Mountmellick



Turn 'n' Sort Toy

Twist and screw the coloured disks into place on a circular wooden board.

PROMOTES: Fine Motor Skills, Hand-eye Coordination, Visual Perception, Motor Planning, Problem Solving Skills

LOCATIONS: Mountmellick



Giant Lacing Beads

Large wooden lacing beads in four different colours and three distinct shapes combined with 2 laces for easy threading.

PROMOTES: Hand-Eye Coordination, Visual Perception Skills, Colour / Shape Recognition, Early Mathematical Concepts

LOCATIONS: Mountmellick



Daisy Shape Sorter

Shape sorter featuring seven holes in different sizes and colours each corresponding to the included blocks.

PROMOTES: Shape Recognition, Colour Recognition, Hand-eye Coordination, Dexterity, Fine Motor Skills

LOCATIONS: Mountmellick

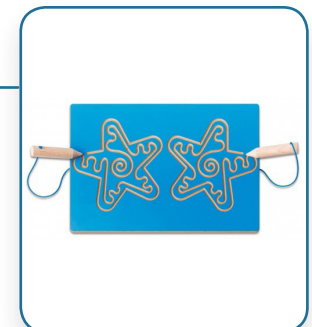


Double Handed Tracking Board: Star

Guide a wooden pencil along the pattern carved into this sturdy wooden board. Suitable for right or left handed children.

PROMOTES: Hand-Eye Coordination, Handwriting Skills and Pencil Grip, Visual Motor Skills, Fine Motor Precision

LOCATIONS: Portarlington, Mountmellick

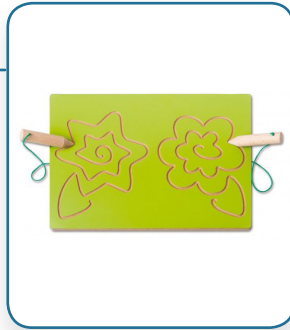


Double Handed Tracking Board: Flowers

Guide a wooden pencil along the pattern carved into this sturdy wooden board. Suitable for right or left handed children.

PROMOTES: Hand-Eye Coordination, Handwriting Skills and Pencil Grip, Visual Motor Skills, Fine Motor Precision

LOCATIONS: Mountmellick

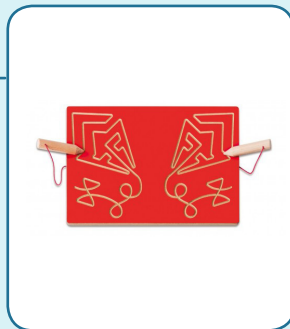


Double Handed Tracking Board: Kite

Guide a wooden pencil along the pattern carved into this sturdy wooden board. Suitable for right or left handed children.

PROMOTES: Hand-Eye Coordination, Handwriting Skills and Pencil Grip, Visual Motor Skills, Fine Motor Precision

LOCATIONS: Portarlinton



First Shapes Peg Puzzle

Charming cottage featuring five big puzzle pieces; jumbo pegs are easy to grasp and lift.

PROMOTES: Fine Motor Skills, Hand-eye Coordination, Visual Perception, Shape Recognition

LOCATIONS: Mountmellick



Beads Sequence

72 hardwood beads in 5 colours and 5 shapes provide ample options to make sequences and patterns.

PROMOTES: Fine Motor Precision, Colour Recognition, Shape Recognition, Sequencing, Hand-eye Coordination

LOCATIONS: Mountmellick



Lacing Blocks: Safari Animals

Thread the lace through the openings on either side of the animals and string up the collection.

PROMOTES: Fine Motor Precision, Manual Dexterity, Bilateral Coordination, Sequencing, Counting Skills

LOCATIONS: Mountmellick



Drive the Car Maze

Move the cars around this two-sided wooden maze.

PROMOTES: Fine Motor Skills, Motor Planning, Hand-eye Coordination, Visual Perception

LOCATIONS: Mountmellick



Beginner Pattern Blocks

Five two-sided boards with ten recessed design templates are ready to fill with these brightly coloured geometric shapes. Match the patterns to the templates or create your own pictures.

PROMOTES: Hand-eye coordination, Colour & Shape identification, Creativity & imagination

LOCATIONS: Portarlinton, Mountmellick



Pattern Blocks & Boards

Match the colourful shaped blocks to the templates provided or create your own designs.

PROMOTES: Matching and Sorting Skills, Colour and Shape Recognition, Concentration, Fine Motor Skills

LOCATIONS: Portarlinton, Mountmellick



Caterpillar Gear Toy

Six interchangeable gears in six bright colors are great for little hands to twist.

PROMOTES: Fine Motor Skills, Colour recognition

LOCATIONS: Portarlinton, Mountmellick

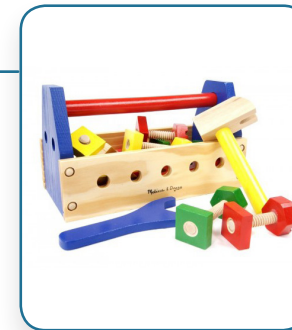


Take Along Tool Kit

This 24-piece set includes wooden nails, screws, nuts, and bolts. This fun construction toy can also be used to engage children in counting and sorting activities.

PROMOTES: Manual Dexterity, Early Maths Skills, Fun and Imaginative Play

LOCATIONS: Portarlinton

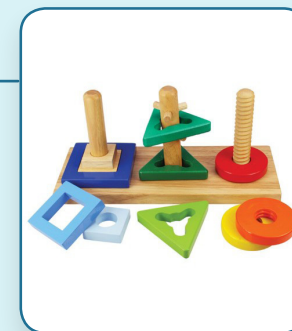


Twist and Turn Puzzle

Twist and Turn each of the brightly coloured wooden squares, triangles and circles to slide them down one of three sturdy pegs until they reach the base.

PROMOTES: Fine Motor Skills, Hand-eye Coordination, Visual Perception, Motor Planning, Problem Solving Skills

LOCATIONS: Portarlinton



Fantacolour Junior Pegs

A mosaic activity that includes 8 double sided pattern cards and larger pegs for easier grip.

PROMOTES: Visual Perception Skills, Hand-Eye Coordination, Fine Motor Skills (Pincer Grasp), Colour Recognition

LOCATIONS: Portarlinton, Mountmellick



Miniland Pegboard & Pegs 10mm

A mosaic activity set with multiple design options using 10mm Pegs.

PROMOTES: Fine Motor Skills, Hand-eye Coordination, Critical Thinking, Visual Perception, Creative Skills

LOCATIONS: Portarlinton, Mountmellick



Stack & Lace Caterpillar

This colourful caterpillar can help children practice lacing along with learning colours and numbers.

PROMOTES: Fine Motor Skills, Hand-eye Coordination, Colour Recognition

LOCATIONS: Portarlinton, Mountmellick



Daisy Max

Stackable jumbo pegs with rounded edges that can be easily inserted into the flower-shaped board.

PROMOTES: Visual Perception Skills, Hand-Eye Coordination, Fine Motor Skills (Pincer Grasp)

LOCATIONS: Portarlinton, Mountmellick



Lacing Beads

Large lacing beads in six vibrant colours and five distinct shapes combined with two extra-long laces for easy threading.

PROMOTES: Hand-Eye Coordination, Visual Perception Skills, Colour / Shape Recognition

LOCATIONS: Portarlinton



Lacing Apple

A wooden apple containing holes which the accompanying caterpillar on a string can be threaded through.

PROMOTES: Concentration, Visual perception skills, Hand-eye coordination

LOCATIONS: Portarlinton, Mountmellick



Wooden Lacing Farm Animals

Practice lacing and tracing skills with these 5 wooden farm animal panels and colour coordinates laces.

PROMOTES: Hand-Eye Coordination, Concentration, Fine Motor Skills

LOCATIONS: Portarlinton, Mountmellick



Stacking Cups

Six colourful graduated cups used for stacking and teaching basic counting and maths concepts.

PROMOTES: Fine Motor Skills, Hand-eye coordination, Early Math Skills, Number Recognition, Colour Recognition

LOCATIONS: Portarlinton, Mountmellick



Sloped / Slanted Writing Board

The sloped surface makes writing easier and can provide assistance to children who have difficulty with handwriting.

PROMOTES: Literacy Skills, Handwriting Skills, Coordination, Fine Motor Skills

LOCATIONS: Portarlinton, Mountmellick



Super Sorting Pie

Place the sorting cards into the pie base to provide visual cues that support student success. Top crust becomes a bowl hold the plastic fruit. Jumbo Tweezers reinforce fine motor skills.

PROMOTES: Counting, Colours and Shapes, Sorting and Organisation, Fine Motor Skills

LOCATIONS: Portarlinton, Mountmellick



Straws & Connectors Construction Set

These flexible straws can be joined together using accompanying connectors to create a variety of designs.

PROMOTES: Fine Motor Skills, Hand-eye Coordination, Creativity, Critical Thinking

LOCATIONS: Portarlinton



Ruff's House Teaching Tactile Set

Children can help the fuzzy dog sort through all the textured rubber and cloth bones he hid in his doghouse. This builds fine motor sensory play skills, while teaching children about matching, taking turns and sharing.

PROMOTES: Fine Motor Skills, Colour Recognition, Counting and Sorting, Imaginative Play

LOCATIONS: Portarlinton, Mountmellick



Fine Motor Skills

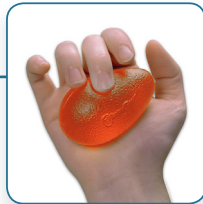
Fine Motor Skills Kit

A selection of items used to improve fine motor skills and writing skills.

INCLUDES ITEMS SUCH AS:

Hand Trainer Eggs

Designed to strengthen weakened/injured hands and wrists.



Jumbo Tweezers

Develops control to guide a proper grip and build handwriting skills.



Fidget Cubes & Balls

different functions sooth away stresses & keep fingers occupied.



Lacing Animals

Plastic lacing animals that develop hand-eye coordination.



Turtle Water Squirter

Strengthens pincer grip.



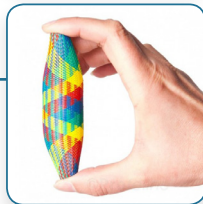
Handy Scoopers

Develop hand strength and fine motor skills.



Jumping Tube

Strengthens fingers and small muscles in the hand.



Mud balls

There is a hidden snake in each ball for an added surprise to get those fingers working.



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LOCATIONS: Portarlington, Mountmellick



Play & Life Skills

Through play, children can develop physical, social and cognitive skills.

These items have been chosen to aid these skills and to develop confidence in everyday and new experiences.

Lock & Latch Board

Unlock, unlatch, open the hinged panels and find more fun when the pictures beneath are revealed.

PROMOTES: Functional Skills, Manual Dexterity, Language
LOCATIONS: Portarlinton, Mountmellick



Wooden Doorbell House

This door bell house features four locks with matching keys, four electronic doorbells and four poseable play dolls allowing children to practice fine motor skills as they explore all it has to offer.

PROMOTES: Fine Motor Skills, Colour & Number Recognition, Creativity, Auditory Skills
LOCATIONS: Portarlinton, Mountmellick



Latches Board

Undo a latch, open the numbered doors and reveal the pictures beneath. Learn colours, numbers and animals.

PROMOTES: Fine Motor Skills, Colour and Number Recognition, Counting, Basic Problem Solving, Bilateral Movement
LOCATIONS: Portarlinton, Mountmellick



Manipulative Doll

Large soft baby doll dressed in several layers of clothes with different fastenings including velcro, zips and laces.

PROMOTES: Dressing Skills, Fine Motor Skills, Imaginative Play
LOCATIONS: Mountmellick



Bear Family Dress Up

With 45 changeable pieces, kids can give the Bear Family many different outfits and emotions. By changing the pieces, they can change the narrative for discussion. A familiar story line, such as "Goldilocks and the Three Bears," is a perfect tool for children learning to organize and describe events.

PROMOTES: Fine Motor Skills, Speech & Language Skills, Creativity and imagination
LOCATIONS: Portarlinton, Mountmellick



Moogy

A bright coloured soft toy used to help children learn how to master zips, buttons, buckles and laces.

PROMOTES: Dressing Skills, Fine Motor Skills, Imaginative Play
LOCATIONS: Portarlinton, Mountmellick



Mr. Potato Head

This toy will help children recognize body parts.

- PROMOTES:** Personal and Social Skills, Hand-eye Coordination, Imagination and Creativity
LOCATIONS: Mountmellick



Tick Tock

A fun game to help children learn to tell the time on analogue and digital 12 and 24 hour clocks.

- PROMOTES:** Time Management, Mathematical Skills
LOCATIONS: Mountmellick



Time Tracker

This unique timer's light and sound cues help to keep children/class on track. Featuring 180° viewing and a large easy to read LCD display, the 3 colored lights (red, yellow and green) alert children to time remaining.

- PROMOTES:** Time Management, Numeracy Skills
LOCATIONS: Portarlinton, Mountmellick



Tell the Time Lotto

Children learn and develop skills with analogue and digital times while having fun with this matching board game.

- PROMOTES:** Time Management, Mathematical Skills
LOCATIONS: Mountmellick



Sand Timers

1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15 Minute Sand Timers
 Colour coded sand timers that can be used to measure specific periods of time for numerous activities including reading, writing, homework, games or experiments.

- PROMOTES:** Start and Finish Tasks, Time Management, Concentration
LOCATIONS: Portarlinton, Mountmellick



Euro Shopping Game

The cards enable children to learn their currency.

- PROMOTES:** Monetary Recognition, Numerical Procedures
LOCATIONS: Mountmellick



Soundtracks

A fun game that encourages a child's critical thinking and matching skills. Match the everyday sounds to the colourful pictures on the board. Contents: CD, 4 game boards with 36 everyday sounds, 40 counters.

- PROMOTES:** Language Skills, Interpersonal Skills, Colour, Shape, Animal Recognition
LOCATIONS: Portarlinton, Mountmellick



Better Builder Emotions

This is a ball and rod construction toy assembled as six different characters. The faces express 6 distinct emotions to which children can relate: happy, sad, angry, surprised, confused and scared.

- PROMOTES:** Understanding Feelings, Verbal and Non-Verbal Communication, Imaginative Play
LOCATIONS: Mountmellick



Emotion Puppets

This set contains six puppets each expressing a different emotion; joy, sadness, fear, anger, surprise and no emotion. In recognizing their emotions, children can understand and handle their reactions more easily.

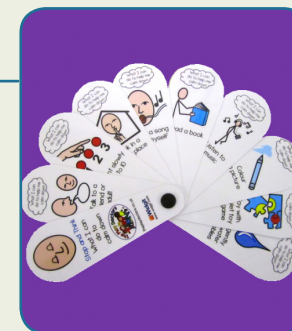
- PROMOTES:** Language & Communication Skills, Recognition of emotions
LOCATIONS: Portarlinton, Mountmellick



Fan: What can I do to calm down

Ideas to assist children and young people recognize how they manage their own emotions and find alternative behaviours that will help them feel better and calmer.

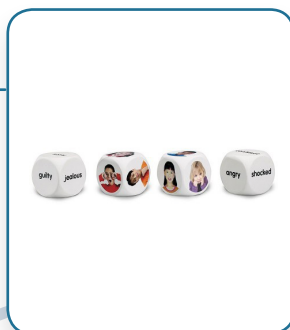
- PROMOTES:** Social Skills, Self Control, Managing Emotions
LOCATIONS: Portarlinton, Mountmellick



Emotion Cubes

Set of 4 cubes which help children learn to recognise and discuss different emotions. Two cubes include photographs of children expressing different emotions, while the other two cubes feature emotion words.

- PROMOTES:** Recognition of emotions
LOCATIONS: Portarlinton, Mountmellick



Fan: What can I do when I feel angry

Support children with this useful tool that gives them options on how to behave appropriately when they feel angry.

- PROMOTES:** Social Skills, Self Control, Managing Emotions
LOCATIONS: Portarlinton, Mountmellick



All About Anxiety

Discussion cards that give the users an opportunity to consider all aspects of anxiety including possible causes, sources of help and positive mental attitudes.

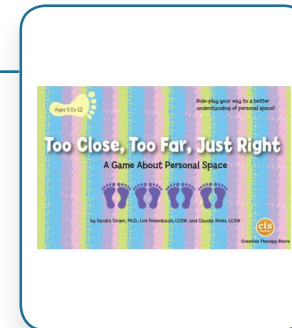
- PROMOTES:** Communication Skills
Personal & Social Skills
- LOCATIONS:** Portarlinton, Mountmellick



Too Close, Too Far, Just Right

A game that explores social scenarios and accepted physical boundaries.

- PROMOTES:** Communication Skills, Social Skills
- LOCATIONS:** Portarlinton



All About Communication

Discussion cards encouraging young people to consider why they feel angry, how they behave because of this anger and how they can change this behavior.

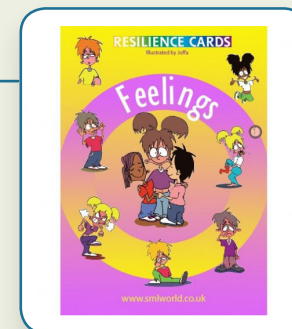
- PROMOTES:** Communication Skills
Personal & Social Skills
- LOCATIONS:** Portarlinton, Mountmellick



Feelings: Resilience Cards

These cards can assist young people to develop their emotional intelligence, understand and acknowledge their own feelings and read verbal and non-verbal cues from others.

- PROMOTES:** Communication Skills, Personal & Social Skills
- LOCATIONS:** Mountmellick



Too Much, Too Little, Just Right

A game to help understand tone of voice, body language and social cues.

- PROMOTES:** Communication Skills, Social Skills
Language Skills
- LOCATIONS:** Portarlinton



Socially Speaking Game

A game that helps teach and reinforce social interactions as well as improving self-esteem, receptive and expressive language and problem solving.

- PROMOTES:** Communication Skills, Social Skills
Language Skills
- LOCATIONS:** Mountmellick





Sensory & Tactile

Sensory and tactile stimulation involves the sensation of touch and texture. These items have been chosen to offer a variety of different tactile and sensory sensations.

Better Builders Grippies

Grippies combine tactile exploration and magnetic play to allow for creative building.

- PROMOTES:** Hand-eye Coordination, Mathematical Concepts, Creativity, Fine Motor Skills
LOCATIONS: Mountmellick



Guessing Box

A fun, hands on way to encourage young learners about shapes and textures. Includes 20 wooden texture blocks and 20 animal shapes.

- PROMOTES:** Tactile Discrimination, Language Development, Multi-Sensory Approach to Learning, Turn-taking
LOCATIONS: Portarlinton, Mountmellick



Body Sox – Large

The Body Sox is designed specifically for spatial awareness and interaction through balance and resistance. It also creates a protective and imaginative space.

- PROMOTES:** Body Awareness & Strength, Creativity, Motor Coordination
LOCATIONS: Portarlinton



Body Sox : Medium

The Body Sox is designed specifically for spatial awareness and interaction through balance and resistance. It also creates a protective and imaginative space.

- PROMOTES:** Body Awareness & Strength, Creativity, Motor Coordination
LOCATIONS: Mountmellick



Fidget Mat

A weighted lap pad with lots of fidgets including pull-string vibration.

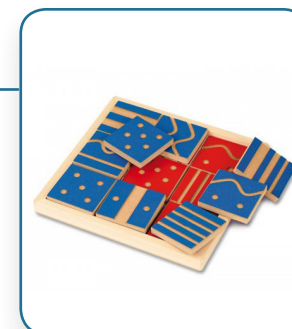
- PROMOTES:** Sensory Stimulation, Self-regulation, Calming
LOCATIONS: Portarlinton, Mountmellick



Tactile Matching Game

Create shapes and patterns with 18 individual red and blue wooden tiles stored in a wooden tray.

- PROMOTES:** Matching, Creativity, Construction, Visual Perception, Calming
LOCATIONS: Portarlinton, Mountmellick



Mirror Chimeabout

Wooden spinning frame combines mirrors and small bells to provide visual, auditory and tactile stimulation.

PROMOTES: Sensory Stimulation, Tactile Stimulation, Auditory Stimulation, Visual Focus, Visual Tracking

LOCATIONS: Portarlinton, Mountmellick



Mirror Marble Wheel

Styled like a ship's wheel with a mirror set inside, the rotating cups and marbles provide visual and auditory stimulation.

PROMOTES: Sensory Stimulation, Auditory Stimulation, Visual Focus, Visual Tracking, Fine Motor Skills

LOCATIONS: Portarlinton



Diffraction Tube Ladder

Each of the five tubes is a different colour, is highly reflective and turns with a light touch. It can be used in two positions, upright on base or with rollers in a more horizontal position.

PROMOTES: Stress Reduction, Relaxation, Manual Dexterity

LOCATIONS: Mountmellick



Disc 'o' Sit Cushion

The cushion allows for 'active sitting' which helps decrease fidgeting and increases awareness and concentration.

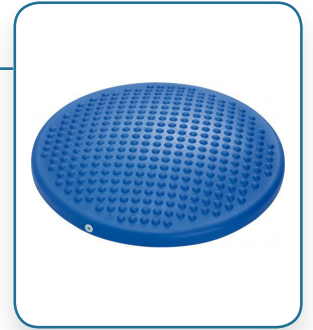
AVAILABLE IN:

Regular Size: 39cm diameter (Recommended age 8+)

Junior Size: 32cm diameter (Recommended age 3+)

PROMOTES: Sensory Stimulation, Balance, Core Strengthening, May aid concentration

LOCATIONS: Portarlinton



Movin' Sit Cushion

Allows for "active sitting", ideal for children who crave movement while sitting, while also encouraging correct posture.

AVAILABLE IN STANDARD SIZE:

35cm x 35cm (Recommended age 8+)

PROMOTES: Gross Motor Skills, Sensory Stimulation, Core Strengthening, Self Regulation / Concentration

LOCATIONS: Portarlinton, Mountmellick



Vibrating Massage Tube

Flexible shaped massager that bends to the required shape and provides two levels of intensity that aid relaxation, create stimulation or help relieve muscle pain.

PROMOTES: Sensory Stimulation, Relaxation,

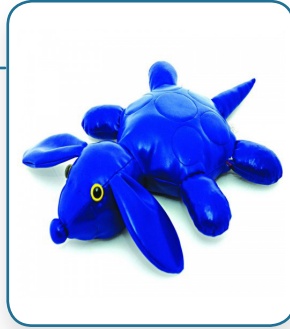
LOCATIONS: Mountmellick



Tote Around Hound

A weighted dog which provides input and stability enabling a child to focus.
Size: 25x15cm. Weight: 3 kg

PROMOTES: Relaxation, Concentration, Regulation
LOCATIONS: Portarlington, Mountmellick



Teachers Pet Chloe

A soft, weighted dog (2.3kg) designed to help a child struggling to sit still or focus.

PROMOTES: Relaxation, Concentration, Regulation
LOCATIONS: Portarlington



Teachers Pet Dot

A soft, weighted dog (907g) designed to help a child struggling to sit still or focus.

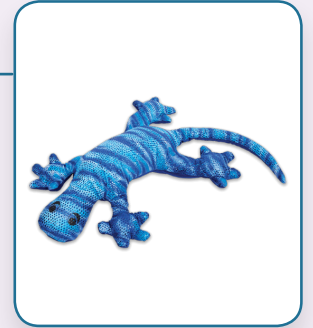
PROMOTES: Relaxation, Concentration, Regulation
LOCATIONS: Mountmellick



Weighted Lizard

The Weighted Lizard is a comforting companion which provides pressure that can help a child focus, alleviate excess energy or afford calmness. A period of use of 15 to 20 minutes is recommended due to the weight of the animal. Ages 3 +.

PROMOTES: Relaxation, Concentration, Regulation,
LOCATIONS: Portarlington



Weighted Cat

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PROMOTES: Relaxation, Concentration, Regulation,
LOCATIONS: Mountmellick



Lavadome

Ideal for sensory calming, simply turn it upside down and watch the jelly type liquid slowly glide down. Size: 20cm

PROMOTES: Visual Stimulation, Calming
LOCATIONS: Portarlington, Mountmellick



Laser Sphere

A soothing light that changes colour and creates patterns within the sphere.

PROMOTES: Visual Stimulation,
Sensory Stimulation, Calming

LOCATIONS: Mountmellick



Tranquil Turtle

A soothing light that projects a serene underwater effect and plays two different calming sounds.

PROMOTES: Visual Stimulation,
Sensory Stimulation, Calming

LOCATIONS: Portarlington



Glitter Lamp

Spinning glitter bounces off LED lights to create a majestic display.

PROMOTES: Visual Stimulation,
Sensory Stimulation, Calming

LOCATIONS: Mountmellick



Soothing Sounds Mood Light

Pyramid mood light that plays relaxing nature sounds with colour change lighting effect.

PROMOTES: Visual Stimulation
Sensory Stimulation, Calming

LOCATIONS: Portarlington



Magic Plasma Ball

The plasma ball responds to touch as the display streamers are attracted to the hands placed on its surface. The ball can also be activated by sound when switched to the audio setting.

PROMOTES: Visual Stimulation,
Sensory Stimulation, Calming

LOCATIONS: Mountmellick



Rainbow Maker

A musical instrument that recreates the soft sound of falling rain as the colourful beads cascade through the tube. Size: 40cm

PROMOTES: Sensory Stimulation
Auditory Stimulation, Visual Stimulation

LOCATIONS: Portarlington, Mountmellick



Rain Rush

Containing 42 colourful wooden beads, it creates beautiful rainstorm sounds when turned upside down.

PROMOTES: Sensory Stimulation, Visual Stimulation, Auditory Stimulation, Calming

LOCATIONS: Portarlington



Twirly Whirly Rainmaker

A musical instrument that recreates the soft sound of falling rain as the colourful beads cascade through the tube. Size: 30cm

Promotes: Sensory Stimulation, Auditory Stimulation, Visual Stimulation

Locations: Mountmellick



Sensory Kit

A selection of items that can be used to help with sensory integration and/or sensory diets.

INCLUDES ITEMS SUCH AS:

Hedgehog Balls

Stimulates hand nerves and assists in grip exercises.



Vibrating Bug

Stimulating and fun while also offering sensory pressure if required.



Crazy Shaking Animal

Vibrating animal.



Glitter Storm

Offers soothing visual stimulation.



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