

Continuous provision:
Water play

Nursery
Age 18 months

Title: Dropping in water

Child-initiated exploration

C and O enjoyed dropping the insects and animal models into the water, observing the splashes and listening to the sounds that they made. They demonstrated engagement and curiosity as they explored the animal models, dropping them from different heights and rolling them down the bamboo guttering, observing what happened.



The children enjoyed playing alongside their peers and interacted with them through touch, gesture and speech sounds. The children demonstrated their enjoyment through smiling and making noises and continued to explore alongside their friends sharing the experience together. C and O are starting to develop their physical skills and can confidently pass objects from one hand to the other demonstrating some control.



Possible future provision/next steps

Support them to develop their physical and observational skills through varied opportunities allowing the children to lift, roll and drop objects.

Learning outcomes include (Development Matters, Understanding the World):

Birth to three: *Repeat actions that have an effect.*

Characteristics of effective teaching and learning – Playing and exploring: *Make choices and explore different resources and materials.*

Example from Atelier Nursery, Chippenham, Wiltshire