

## Outdoor Learning Experience (Birth to 2 years)

<p><b>Learning experience:</b> Get the Balls Inside!</p>	<p><b>Shared by:</b> Cheryl Chang</p>
<p><b>Environment:</b> Outdoor multipurpose hall/void deck/grass patch/field</p>	<p><b>Estimated time:</b> 30 minutes</p>
<p><b>Children’s prior experiences:</b> Children are familiar with the outdoor space which they have been visiting frequently. Children are able to roll things to a target.</p>	<p><b>Suitable for:</b> 18 to 24 months old</p>
<p><b>What children will experience:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children will learn to listen to and follow simple instructions.</li> <li>• Children will develop their hand-eye coordination, fine and gross motor skills and judgment of distance.</li> </ul>	<p><b>EYDF Pillars:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Developing Child</li> <li>• The Intentional Programme</li> <li>• The Professional Educarer</li> </ul>
<p><b>What you will need:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a tray of colourful small and big soft spongy balls/beanbags/plastic balls</li> <li>• a cardboard house/any box/bucket/basket</li> <li>• Tape/chalk (nontoxic)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Benefit - Risk Assessment:</b></p> <p><u>Benefit:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children become more motivated and self-directed in playing in the open outdoor space.</li> </ul> <p><u>Risk:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children may bump into each other in their excitement with throwing balls into the box.</li> </ul> <p><u>Management:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure ample space between each cardboard house/box/bucket/basket and assign adequate number of adults to supervise the children.</li> <li>• Brief children on the activity.</li> <li>• Apply insect-repellent.</li> <li>• Bring along first-aid kit.</li> </ul>

**How to make it happen:**

1. Inform the children the goal is to get the balls inside a cardboard house/box/bucket/basket.
2. Place a tape/draw a line on the floor with chalk/tape and make each child stand behind it.
3. Set the cardboard house/any box about 3 feet away.
4. Ask the children to throw the smaller plastic/spongy balls into the cardboard house/box/bucket/basket.
5. Let the children play and practise a few rounds.

**Extension of activity:**

1. Repeat the activity regularly, and once the children are able to throw the balls into the cardboard house/box/bucket/basket, increase the distance between him/her and the cardboard house/box/bucket/basket and use other balls.

**Photographs:**