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Play is a Child's Work

ETONHOUSE PARENTING WEBINAR
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Physical event

Playmania

29 OCT, 9.30 AM - 12.00 PM

- Crafts, arts, games, and outdoor experiences
- Discover how you can intentionally design adventures
- Build on your child's imagination to deepen the play experience
- Available at two locations, Thomson and Sentosa
- Suitable for children from 12 months to 10 years old



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International School Curricula

*Primary, Secondary and High School - Hear
from EtonHouse experts*

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LOOSE PARTS

Select items that are versatile and diverse to develop creative and critical thinking skills.



THE THEORY OF LOOSE PARTS

Originating from Architect Simon Nicholson, loose parts are materials that can be moved around, designed and redesigned, and tinkered with, creating infinitely more opportunities for creative engagement than static materials and environments.



Loose parts play encourages innovative and creative thinking



Inspiring play with infants and toddlers



Inspiring play in young children

Michelle Thornhill		Loose Parts and Intelligent Playthings Categorized By Schema					
if your child loves	if/they may be exploring	Loose Parts	Natural loose parts	Large play	Recyclable/Repurposed	Additional tools/bases	Commercial Toys/Gifts
Train sets, buckles, Lego, harnesses, stickers, marker caps, shoes	Connecting	Popicle sticks, match sticks, golf tees, paper clips, binder rings, cardigans, belt pieces, tissue paper pieces, elastic, fabric, paper, marbles, beads, pom-poms, buttons, balsa wood, pipe, straw, glow stick bracelets, pipe cleaners, balloons, yarn, hair rollers, cork, pins, hair nails, screws, nails, binder clips, spring snags, belt snags	Earth magnets, roots, ground pine, vines, spruce sap (for glue), beggar ticks, burdock, sweet gum balls, cicada shells, shade flowers, leather cord, dandelion stems (for chains), dried bones, wet leaves, sand, snow, ice	Log rounds or stumps for stacking, tires, boards, wooden spoons, wedding, lumber, pulleys, legs, ropes and carabiners	Containers with lids, bread clips, pie paper, nuts and bolts, electrical wires, marbles, beads, ties, buckles and snags from discarded items, velcro from old clothes, knobby electrical, straws	Hammer, tape, glue, foam, rope, yarn, longer cord, hooks, chains, cube net, latches and fasteners, long, wedding, foam, stapler, safety pins, contact paper, magnets, wire, cardboard	Even, gear sets, ball-a-shape builder, magnet builders, unifix cubes, ring-a-ring-a-po, Guide Box, Straws & Connectors, Bead Blocks, Magnetix, pebbles, Snap Circuits, ball-a-shape, Micro-man Jr., train sets, ham of Monkeys, snap together beads
Cutting with scissors, knocking towers down, making play dough into small segments, tearing paper from books, taking apart electronics or devices, destroying objects, removing couch cushions, cutting hair	Disconnecting/Deconstructing	String, paper, tissue paper, cardboard, balsa wood, floral foam, styrofoam blocks, dominos, glow sticks, water beads, balloons, evaporated cornstarch water (for cracking), colored tape for peeling and cutting	brittle sticks, dead branches, peeling bark, leaves, daisies, mushrooms, ice puddles and other ice forms, dry mud, clamshells, cobwebs, dried lavender, catkins, sandstone, pinecones, seed pods, coconuts, slate rock, lumps of brown sugar, fungus, cattails, dried herbs, flowers, food items for cutting and peeling	Giant cardboard boxes, hystacks, snowbanks, stacks of tissue boxes	Telephone books for stacking and knocking over, magazines for cutting, egg cartons, bubble wrap, crumble cans and bottles, corks, used electronics, bottled articles to unravel	Mortar and pestle, safety knives, safety scissors, hammer, clippers, pliers, mallet, saw, screwdrivers, hole punches, fly swatters	Natrat Take-Apart sets, toy demolition vehicles, silly putty, excavation kits, magnet builders, Unifix cubes, wooden block sets, "Thin Ice" game, "Scratch Magic" art
Airplanes, car crashes, balls, sharks, birds, Superman, throwing toys, throwing food, jumping off things, knocking things down, explosive art, basketball, bubbles, explosions	Trajectory	Paper, pompoms, rubber bands, balloons, corks, beanbags, spoons, rulers, ping pong balls, string, ribbon, cotton balls, felt balls, beach balls, pieces of foam, sponges, pillows, boards and cylinders (for catapults), tea pot, watering can, home-made pipe cannon for balls	Helicopter pools, feathers, leaves, flat rocks for skipping, stones for tossing into water, sticks, pinecones, Y-shaped branches (for catapult), swinging vines, live insects, cottonwood fluff, dandelions, hanging seed pods/magnifying pods, snowballs, sticks as fishing poles, palm branches	Planks, cable spool, slate ramp, platforms, ladder, chair, yoga ball, slide, sled, saw, gutter, a pair of trees and physio hand for giant slingshot, pliable latches (for swings), pool noodles	Pipes, scarves, plastic bottles (for rockets), paper towel tubes, knobby electrical, springs, plastic spoons, buckets for ball toss, inner tubes, film canisters, boxes and cartons for knocking down	Hammers, saws, mortar and pestle, targets, hoops, mini zip lines, fans, launch pad, balloon, antaicks and vinegar for rockets or "pop the top", open field or water for throwing natural loose parts	Hot wheels tracks, catapult kit, marble run, trebuchet kit, construction sets with ramps, rocket building kits, Zoomarang, propeller toys, Frisbee, kite, Skycopter, Stomp Rockets, Micro Shotz, soda rockets, "Perfection" game

Loose Parts Schema with insights, ideas, and material

PROBING QUESTIONS

Open-ended questions encourage your child to hypothesise, challenge themselves, analyse or interpret what they have been doing.

- What would happen if...?
- If we add (something), what will happen next?
- How many X (for example, items of a colour) can you find?
- How would you change this to make it work for a different purpose/person?
- How many can you add until it falls over?
- If your toy could talk, what would it say?
- Why did that happen? How do you know what will happen next?

URBAN YOGA AND BEYOND

Urban walks could lead to endless possibilities, remember to take a photo of impressive structures



Urban walk - a tall tower



"My body can become a tall tower!"



"Let's draw it"



"Let's build it"





Forest School

OUTDOOR LEARNING SPACES

At EtonHouse International School Thomson

Nature walks



Research



Physical challenges and sign hunts



ISLAND AS MY GARDEN

At EtonHouse International School Sentosa

10 TIPS FOR A PURPOSEFUL PLAY EXPERIENCE

- Consider if you are ready for play
- To listen and show this with affirmations
- Laughter and silliness are magic
- Consider the environment at home
 - How does it currently honour play?
 - How could we arrange materials and a play space together with our child?
- Describe what your child is doing

- Give your child responsibility
- Try not to limit the play
- Board games and cooperative games
- Alternate between fully engaging with your child's play and encouraging independent play
- Try a scavenger hunt