**Communication and Interaction – Week Commencing 16/11/2020**

This week I would like you to have a go at playing some barrier games at home.

**What are barrier games?**

Barrier games are designed to help with giving and receiving information – they also help to develop listening and attention skills. To play a barrier game you need 2 or more people. Person A has information that Person B needs, and vice versa. In a barrier game Person A and Person B sit with a barrier between them and give each other some instructions to complete a task.

**Examples of barrier games**

1. Lego barrier game:
* Person A and Person B have a selection of the same Lego bricks.
* Person A builds a model from the Lego and then gives Person B instructions to build the same model.
* Remember to put a barrier in between you or sit back-to-back so you cannot see each other’s models.
* Swap roles so that Person B has a go at building a model and giving instructions to Person A.
1. Drawing barrier game:
* Person A and Person B have some paper and a selection of the same coloured pens / pencils.
* Person A draws a picture and gives Person B instructions to draw the same picture.
* Remember to put a barrier between you or sit back-to-back so you cannot see each other’s pictures.
* Swap roles so that Person B has a go at drawing a picture and giving instructions to Person A.

I hope you enjoy playing these games. You can make them easier / more difficult by reducing or increasing the number of Lego blocks or colours. You could use other construction materials if you do not have any Lego at home. Please feel free to email me if you have any questions or would like to share photos of your creations.

Many thanks,

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