



## Topic: Introducing the Treasure Basket (6 – 18 months)



Both *Aistear* and *Síolta* highlight the importance of supporting babies and toddlers to learn through play.

In this short CPD session, you will learn about introducing babies to exploratory play through using a treasure basket. A treasure basket is a low-sided basket or box filled with natural and everyday items which babies can enjoy once they can sit up on their own.

### Key connections

- *Aistear*'s theme of [Exploring and Thinking](#)
- *Síolta* Standard 6: [Play](#)

Babies love to explore everyday items with all their senses.

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	Watch this eight-minute video, <a href="#">Exploring the treasure basket (6-18 months)</a> to see a baby engaging with the different items in her treasure_basket.	
	If you want find out how to create a treasure basket for the babies in your setting, read the tip sheet, <a href="#">Treasure baskets for babies (6-18 months)</a> .	



### My key reflections having viewed/read the above materials

**Prompts for Reflection:** What is working well for you in this area? What are the challenges you have experienced in this area? What will you do differently in the future?



### An action I can take . . .

**Prompts for Reflection:** Outline the changes you plan to make to your practice. How will these changes impact positively on children's learning and development? Think about the resources and supports you will need. What aspects of this work would you like to prioritise and focus on in the coming weeks?



Link to the Practice Guide's [Aistear Síolta Action Planning Template](https://www.aistearsiolta.ie/en/)

All of the above resources and many more are available on the *Aistear Síolta Practice Guide* website at <https://www.aistearsiolta.ie/en/>

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