

Natural Wooden Tower Slope

Product Code: EY10636

This engaging Tower Slope brings movement to children on a different level. It gives children opportunities to look further into cause and effect.

- Children who have rotation schema can further their preferred way of learning by watching the balls roll down the slope.
- They can use the balls that belong or you could find balls with different colours, textures, sounds, sizes etc. With this you can explore and extend language development. You can bring in new words such as; rugged, rough, coarse, tousled etc.
- Discuss with children about what is happening and get them to talk about where they think the ball will go when you drop it. It enables children to think about forces and how they and objects interact with them.
- Children can also develop their hypothesis skills by thinking about what will happen next. Encourage the children to question why things happen and offer a variety of resources that may interact with the slope differently such as various sized balls, pom poms or rough balls that may go down the slope slowly. Talk about the speeds the balls go down and use a variety of language to extend; nimble, accelerated, swift, gradual, crawling etc.
- You can also use this as a base to extend from. Create a building station full of different lengths of wood so children can build their own tower. This builds up mathematical knowledge such as problem solving. They can also work together to create and build their social skills.
- Take children on an autumnal nature walk. You might find conkers or acorns. Talk about the objects the children have found. You can compare them to other balls you have been using.
- Use balls that have sounds inside, for older children you could use small bells (risk assess). Imagine the variety of sounds children can listen to and create.
- Some children may like to try using the slope with vehicles. By trying different things down the slope they will find out which roll and which do not.