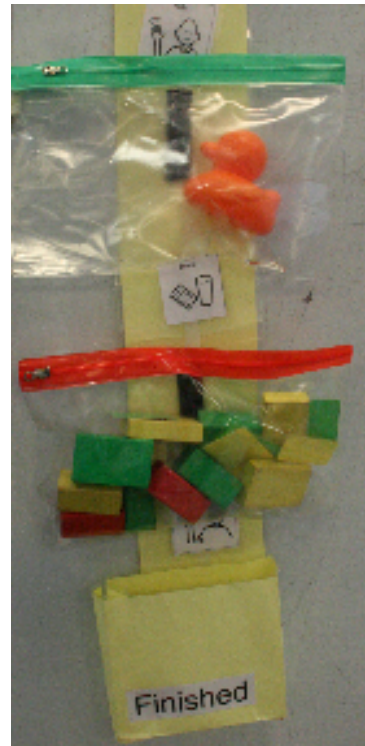


## Objects of reference



### Why use objects of reference?

- Objects of Reference timetables are used with pupils who are functioning at a very early level of development.
- They use objects to represent each of the sessions or activities in which the child will be taking part: e.g. using bricks to show a construction activity or a paint brush to represent art.

### How to use

- Attach each item (object/ photo/ symbol/ word) on to the schedule board with Velcro, in the order it will be occurring through the day.
- The child is encouraged to remove the object from the timetable and take it to where the activity will be taking place. They may need hand over hand guiding and physical support to do this initially.
- Once each activity has been completed, the object is placed in the finished box/envelope. In this manner the child will build an awareness of what activities he has completed and what he has left to do.

### Where next?

- Objects of reference would be gradually linked to photographs of the objects, or pictures/symbols representing them, to allow the child to progress to a pictorial visual timetable.