

# let's get moving



3-6  
months

## 01 floor play!

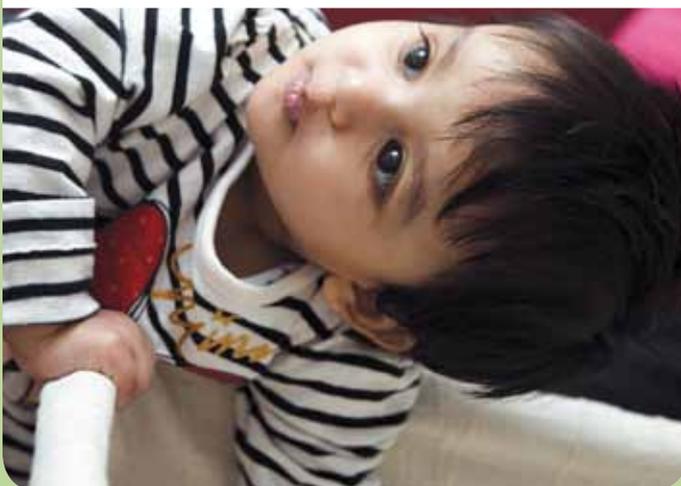
- Place favourite toys at the edge of baby's reach and **encourage to reach and roll over** for them. **Can also use everyday items** but take care that they are safe and clean as most items will end up in baby's mouth as they explore at this age.
- **Introduce toys that make a noise** [reward] when baby does something to them, e.g. rattles, balls with bells inside, drums or saucepans, squeaky toys, toys with push-buttons, musical soft toys with crinkly textures.
- **Introduce treasure baskets.** Can have a theme or be a mixture, e.g. 'soft' theme – sponge, flannel, cotton wool, soft toy, velour material, ball of wool, soft baby brush.



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## 02 kicking, reaching and grasping

- **Hang CD's on strings, a rattle or bells where baby can kick at them,** later change their position when can reach and grasp with hands to challenge them to reach more or sit and lean to reach. **Musical play gyms** can be useful for this.



## 03 outdoor play

- **Take baby outside,** either for walk in their pram or place baby on rug/blanket or grass (if dry), under a tree if possible, to watch the leaves, hang coloured ribbons or streamers or wind chimes from tree.



## 04 tummy time

- **Place colourful, noise-making toys in a circle** and slightly out of reach around baby – to encourage reaching and moving and eventually to roll over.
- **Roll up a towel or blanket**, place under baby's armpits– to encourage baby to lift chest and prop on forearms.
- Try rolling some toys in front of baby.
- **Get down on floor with baby and interact** – sing songs, play with toys, place a plastic mirror in front of them.
- **Hold a toy** to side where baby can see it and move toy over baby's head and land on other side. Baby will follow with eyes and may roll over.
- **Play aeroplanes** (when sufficient head control is established). Adult lies on back with knees bent up and baby lies with tummy on shins, facing adult.



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## 05 singing action songs and nursery rhymes

- Sing action songs and nursery rhymes together.
- Show the actions and encourage baby to do these with your assistance. Involve some actions that include: clapping hands together, clapping or touching feet, crossing the midline with hands and feet.



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