

Quality Standard 4

Enabling Environment



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Newborn



1 Month



9 Months



2 Years



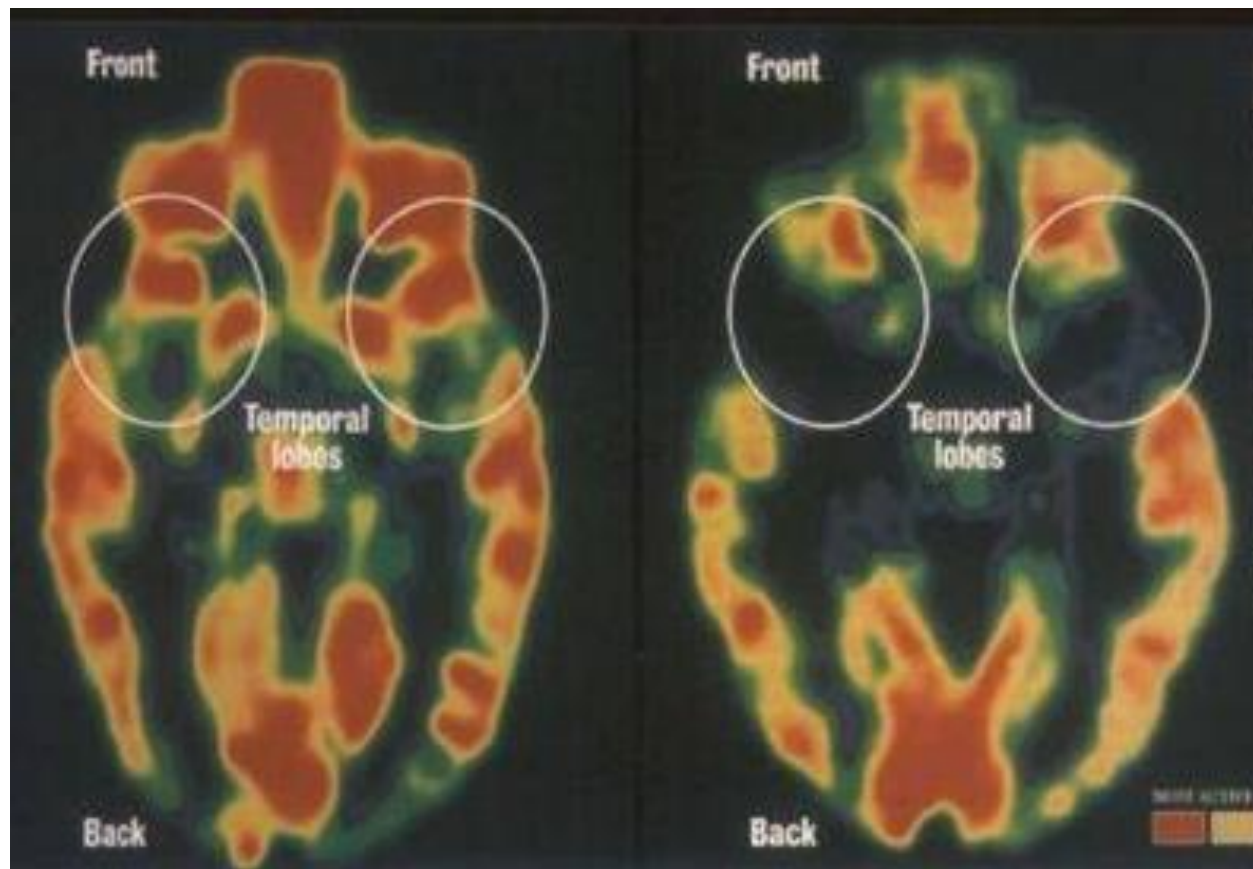
Adult

Synapse density is greatest at around age 2 or 3!!!



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Normal 3 year old

3 year old Romanian orphan

This is an extreme example but it shows how crucial the early years are for brain development.



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Deep-level involvement indicates increased brain activity – and synapse formation.



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Awareness



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Your Environment

- What do you provide to encourage gross motor development?
- How much time do you allow for this?
- What do you provide to encourage fine motor development?
- Where do gross and fine motor skills occur in every day life?



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Outdoor Provision

- “When I was a young lass!”
- Natural infinity to nature
- Higher levels of well-being
- Environmental Education – respect, appreciation
- Problem solving skills increase
- Development of imagination – sense of wonder
- Motivation for life long learning



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- Independence
- Autonomy
- Calm
- Timelessness
- Diversity
- Stimulating
- Sensory
- Openness



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Unsafe weather

“There is no such thing as bad weather just the wrong clothes!”

Billy Connolly

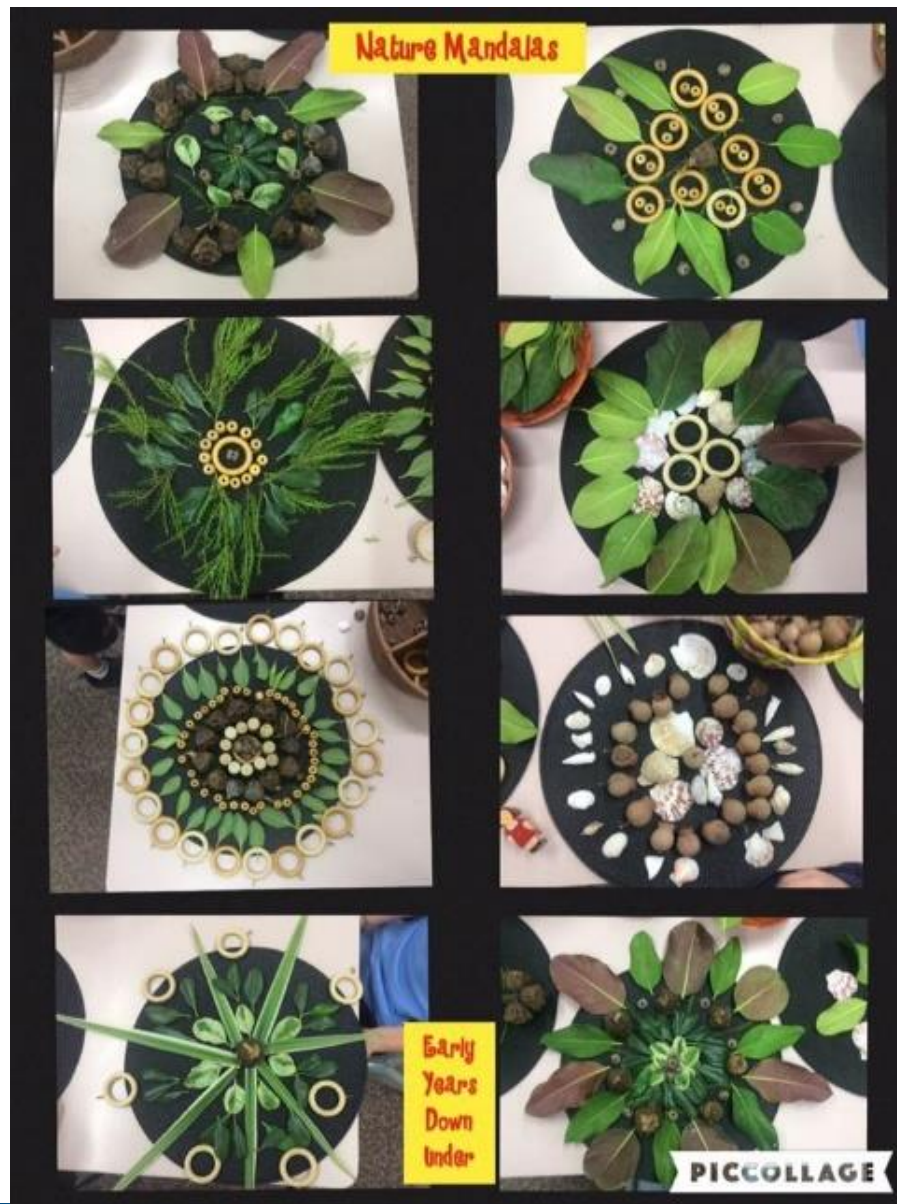
What is the biggest
barrier to going outdoors?



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