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Learning every day in every way through play

Doing the washing

Everyday routines

Learning activities while doing the washing:

- Ask your child to help sort the washing into black, white and coloured clothes.
- Your child can help hang the washing on the line by reaching, extending and balancing.
- Ask your child to peg the clothes by manipulating the peg.
- Sort the pegs into colours, make patterns, count how many pegs there are and then try to work out how many pegs are left once some are used, practicing basic maths skills.
- Ask your child to make piles of clean washing for each person in the house. Show them how to fold clothing.

What children are learning:

- Sorting, colour recognition and organisation skills
- Reaching, extending and balancing
- Fine motor skills (hand co-ordination)
- Counting and patterns
- Reaching, extending and balancing (large muscles)

