



# MACARTHUR CHILDREN'S DEVELOPMENTAL CLINIC



Specialists in Speech & Language Pathology, Psychology, Occupational Therapy

## Stop Motion Animation

It is often difficult to think of activities to engage our children.

*Stop Motion Animation*- a moviemaking technique stringing still images together-, is one activity where you and your children can share your creativity and spend time together.



### **Step 1:**

Choose the 'actors'- these are the characters, which will feature in the film.

### **Step 2:**

Decide on a plot. You will need to work together to write out a 'script' that includes/details about what the characters will be doing.

REMEMBER: you can start with something simple such as an object moving onto the screen, across the screen and then exit (this may be necessary to get an idea of how much a character needs to move to look realistic)



### **Step 3:**

Create the backdrop for the scenes

### **Step 4:**

'Film'- remember to make slight movements of the characters to create the illusion that the characters are moving in a film (take still images)

### **Step 5:**

Edit the movie- put all images together in a sequence

### **iPad Application to help create the animation:**



'Lego Movie Maker'

by the LEGO group

**Cost:** Free

**Device Availability:** iPhone and iPad

**Description:** Easy to use application that allows you to bring your children's favourite characters to life. This application allows you to take the series of pictures and then with limited editing needed saves an animation movie.