Tactile awareness activities; VIBRATION

Aims:

- 1. To stimulate the child
- 2. To raise the child's awareness of her sense of touch
- 3. To encourage interaction between child and adult
- 4. To encourage communication between child and adult, giving child opportunity to express likes/ dislikes and preference
- 5. To build up child's concepts about objects
- 6. To teach the child appropriate vocabulary
- 7. To teach the child about her body and develop body awareness
- 8. To arouse child's interest in object or person causing sensation
- 9. To arouse child's interest in active exploration

VIBRATION

- Child in comfortable position to feel and operate toy
- Place hands on toy to experience vibration
- Leave hands on toy. If she takes them off, leave a little while then put them back
- Look for responses showing like or dislike smiling, grimacing, crying, shaking head, removing hands, keeping hands on toy, returning her hands voluntarily to toy
- Let child feel vibration on other parts of body –cheek, feet, lips
- Cover toy with different materials so child can feel them as she feels vibration e.g. fur, sheepskin, velvet, suede, silk, wool

Similar activities with:
Vibrating snake/ cushion/ dome
Massager
Drum
Tuning fork (near child's ear)
Footspa