# **Core Skills Analysis**

#### **Science - Human Body**

- Jax learned to identify key human organs by name, demonstrating recognition and recall skills.
- He developed fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination by carefully manipulating the small model organs with tweezers.
- Matching the model organs to the corresponding pictures improved his spatial awareness and reinforced visual discrimination.
- Reading aloud about each organ's function helped integrate factual knowledge with verbal expression, enhancing comprehension.

## Literacy

- Jax practiced reading aloud, which builds confidence and fluency in early reading skills.
- He connected text (descriptions) to visual images, strengthening vocabulary related to the human body.
- Engaging with informational text expanded his ability to understand non-fiction content appropriate for his age.
- Verbalizing the organ functions supports expressive language development and memory retention.

## Tips

To deepen Jax's understanding and interest in the human body, consider setting up a home lab where he can create his own body map using large paper and cut-out organs. Incorporate storytelling by asking him to imagine what life would be like if an organ didn't work properly, fostering empathy and critical thinking. Try simple, visible experiments like feeling his heartbeat or breathing patterns after activity to connect physical experience with theoretical knowledge. Additionally, integrating creative arts by drawing or crafting organs can reinforce his retention and make learning multi-sensory.

#### **Book Recommendations**

- <u>The Magic School Bus Inside the Human Body</u> by Joanna Cole: An engaging book that takes children on a fun adventure inside the human body to learn about organs and their functions.
- <u>Me and My Amazing Body</u> by JoAnn Deak: This book explains the human body in simple language, helping young children understand their own amazing biology.
- First Human Body Encyclopedia by DK: A colorful, accessible encyclopedia with clear images and explanations ideal for young readers curious about how their bodies work.

## **Learning Standards**

- Science Understanding: Biological Sciences ACSSU017: Describes observable features of living things and basic needs.
- Science as a Human Endeavour ACSHE021: Responds to questions about familiar objects and events.
- English: Literacy ACELA1437: Understand how to learn and use new words.
- English: Literacy ACELY1651: Recognizes purpose of informative texts and reads aloud accurately.

# **Try This Next**

- Create a matching worksheet with pictures of organs and their names for Jax to label.
- Ask Jax to write a short story or draw a comic about the journey of food through the organs he learned about.