



Small world skills progression

Progression of Skills	Vocabulary	How to support?
- Imitates sounds (e.g. vehicles and animals) - Represents objects as what they are. - Represent an environment that they are familiar with. - Explains their actions in small world play (e.g. the girl is going on the train) - Enacts their experiences through a narrative.	- Vocabulary associated with feelings 'happy', 'sad', 'angry', 'worried', 'frightened', etc. - Vocabulary linked to props & resources related to theme — homes, rooms, shops, medical services, transport & travel, animals, etc. - Vocabulary linked to rhymes and stories.	Open ended resources – pine cones, rocks, pebbles, buttons, lollipop sticks, small pieces of fabric, sticks, pegs, foliage Mini me character photos Animals, figures, mini trees, flowers, vehicles, fences
- Represents objects as different objects. - Explains what they are (e.g. - this is my car) - Talks expressively about the object they have represented as something else. - Represent/create environments from stories. - Uses some story language in their play - familiar lines from stories, familiar story themes. - Articulates thoughts and feelings through narrative.	- Language associated with different roles — family members, different jobs, etc. - Giving instructions and directions. - Language associated with different situations — sorting out problems, enquiring, complaining, etc.	

• Represents a range of resources as chosen objects. • Able to find a resource for a given purpose to fit in with their narrative. • Create an environment that they have created/imagined. • Children design and imagine their own story setting • Uses story language and story features to create a narrative of their own. Uses new vocabulary learned within their narrative. • Able to intertwine their own experiences with the experiences of others. • Creates shared narratives.		Open ended resources – pine cones, rocks, pebbles, buttons, lollipop sticks, small pieces of fabric, sticks, pegs, foliage Mini me character photos Animals, figures, mini trees, flowers, vehicles, fences Clipboards and paper
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