



Bright  
Little Stars  
Nursery

SUPERNOVA

IMAGINATION  
AND  
CREATIVITY



Please don't underestimate the value of role play. It allows children to make sense of their world, develop their vocabulary and is a pre-requisite to eventually being able to invent their own stories. A vital component at school.



## Role Play at Home

These can be as simple as some empty cardboard boxes, hats, scarves, bags and den building with sheets, blankets and pillows.



## Small World

Sets of animals, dolls and dolls houses, also support children's development of complex stories.





## Building Blocks & Construction Kits

Lego, Duplo, wooden blocks, Stickle Bricks and empty cartons are ideal opportunities for children to make imaginative and complex 'small worlds' e.g. cities, parks, farms and zoos. If you have the space, perhaps allow them to be left out, rather than tidied away every day, to allow their creations to develop and become more complex over time.





## Listening

Encourage your child to really listen to sounds, including different types of music. Do they like it? How does it make them feel? Is it happy or sad?



## Remembering

Singing the same nursery rhymes, over and over again, is hugely important for children to then remember and sing entire songs by themselves. This will also lead to the art of them making up their own songs too.



## Instruments

Although it can be a little noisy, teaching your child how to use musical instruments with increasing control and appropriateness, can also help them in using them to express their feelings and ideas.



## Categorising

A perfect place to start is your recycling regime. Encourage your child to identify what the item is made from, before choosing the appropriate bin to place it in. Talk about the properties of each material and why it's used for its purpose.



## Get Creative

Talk to your child about creating something using the items from the recycling bins. What would they like to make? What would be the best items to use? Why? Boats are a good option, as they can be tried out in the sink or at bath time.



## Collage

Creating art through collage offers opportunities to introduce and talk about many types of materials. Consider what they are made from and what their properties are.



## Nature

Natural items are a wonderful medium for creating art too!





Provide your child with a wide range of resources to draw on and with. Encourage them to talk about what they have drawn. Make suggestions of details they may add e.g. glasses to a person's face. When drawing faces, talk about how the person may be feeling. Start big, with larger mark making implements and big paper. Take the opportunity to talk about colour and when using paint, allow them to mix colours and see what happens.

