

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

Legos, 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.

