

Toys/Activities

Children in my care have planned times where they are encouraged to select their own toys and resources to play with. Sometimes they are given a choice of two or three they could have. Sometimes they have complete free choice. I try to ensure that the children get a balance of all the activities throughout a half term. Below are the educational benefits of the activities I have for children to engage in.

The writing table CLL3 CLL5 CLL6

Always available to use with different sorts of papers notebooks, envelopes. Encourage writing, drawing, labelling, list making, etc...

Musical instruments CD1 CD2 CD3

A variety of percussion instruments, and some that the children have made themselves. They know they can ask for CDs on, either children's, the radio, music from other countries etc, to listen to with the instruments or whilst they are doing something else. I also put on at random times throughout the week.

Construction Activities PD4 MD3 KUW2 CD3

Wooden bricks/ Megablocks
Lego/Sticklebrick

Play dough PD5 PSED5 KUW1

Small World Activities CLL1 CD3 PD4

Farm animals/Jungle animals
Little People
Barbie/Sindy dolls

Role Play Areas PSED3 CLL2 CD3

Kitchen role play / Garage role play
Dressing up clothes

Home Corner PSED2 PSED3 CLL1 CLL2 CD3

Dolls/pushchairs
Kitchen / baking/ cafe

Literacy games CLL3 CLL4 CLL5 PSED3

Depending on the focus. I have word match games, alphabet matches and puzzles, key word games, phonic games etc...

Numeracy games MD1 MD2 MD3 PSED3

Depending on the focus. I have dominoes, number matching dice games, counting games, telling the time, shape sorting etc...

Wooden rail and road set PD4 CLL2 KUW2

Threading and sewing PD4 CLL6

Fine motor skills, linked to pre handwriting skills.

Book Corner CLL1 CLL3 CLL4

I also visit the library once a week and we select books and bring them home.

Jigsaw puzzles MD3 PD4 PD2

Board games/ turn taking games PSED1 PSED3

Bikes/scooters PD3 PD4 PD1

The children are allowed to ride the scooters to and from school every day if they wish, and also take them to the local park when we go (and of course ride them in my garden).

Ballpool/ Outdoor apparatus PD2 PD4

I have my own ball pool and outdoor climbing frame, seesaw etc, which the children can use from about March – October (during winter it gets too dangerous to use)

Sand and Water Play MD3 CD1 KUW1 PSED1

I always have a sand and water tray from about March – October in the garden (during winter I fill it a few times a half term to use in the kitchen or outside if it is a nice day)