

Long Term Planning for Role Play Area







Long Term Plans celebrate the learning opportunities that we offer children on a continuous basis. They form the foundation for the daily learning opportunities of our Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum. We observe children in order to understand and consider their current interests, development and learning. We then respond by adding additional enhanced provision and focussed experiences, to enrich the learning experiences on offer for children.



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# Key learning opportunities offered in this area of provision The characteristics of effective learning and EYFS aspects of learning and development

**Playing and Exploring**: demonstrate curiosity, interest, enjoyment and enthusiasm as they play and experiment with what they know.

Active Learning: being involved and concentrating, persevering and taking pride in achieving what they set out to do.

Creating and Thinking Critically: having their own ideas, making links and choosing ways to do things, planning, thinking ahead and using their own methods to solve problems.

Prime Areas: Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Physical Development, Communication and Language

Specific Areas: Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding the World, Expressive Arts an Design

Key aspects promoted:

UTW People and communities, The world, Technology, EAD: Being imaginative

Learning experiences. Some of the things that children may do...

Adult response to support children's learning...



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#### PSED:

Develop playing co-operatively with others.

Make choices as they select resources.

Negotiate space, make contributions, discuss, listen and offer suggestions. Begin to talk about similarities and differences between themselves and others in a positive context e.g. differences in appearance and home experiences.

Explore conflict/ difficult situation within a secure environment e.g. visit to the doctor, a burglary.

Care for dolls, pets, people, equipment and themselves.

Recall their family life and experiences- such as visits to a café, use the phone.

#### Communication and Language:

Talk about their experiences as they make connections through play.

Interact through language and gestures to collaborate on ideas.

Begin to use language appropriately and develop vocabulary e.g. ask questions, follow instructions, resolve disagreements and problems, make requests, use polite speech conventions please/ thankyou, would you like...? etc. Develop specific vocabulary related to role play scenarioe.g. the names of objects and activities relevant to that experience at the green grocers, outside/ train to the seaside, space rocket etc.

Praise, encourage and show interest in children's ideas and fascinations. Provide a range of equipment which enable children to develop their ideas with satisfaction.

Anticipate and provide what they might need to represent their ideas. Support, supervise and interact sensitively as children develop their awareness of others space and their social communication skills. "What shall we make to eat today?"

Encourage children to return to play over a number of days and enjoy repetition to develop skills and story lines in their play.

Speculate and ask open ended questions: Why are you putting a bandage on the cat?

Observe what they are doing and use this to assess and plan for individuals and groups of children.

Adults will encourage, observe, support and extend children's role play. Adults will make use of additional resources to extend children self-initiated role play (role play, resource boxes).

Adults will model writing for a purpose e.g. a shopping list Adults will provide activities during which children will experiment with writing- e.g. writing a list/reminder message

Listen and tune in to children's role play, interacting as appropriate.



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Use and develop imaginative language

#### Physical development:

Manipulate materials to achieve a planned effect- making a sandwich, setting the table.

Rehearse self-care skills such as dressing babies, putting on their own dressing up clothes

Talk about hygiene, healthy food choices in a meaningful context.

#### Literacy

Record their ideas using mark making and other media. Eg. Drawing and writing about a poorly animal at the vets. Use marks and writing to convey meaning in roles e.g. shopping list, memo boards and books, cards, telephones books such as a Superhero book.

Refer to information, fiction books and technology to find out more and to stimulate ideas.

#### UTW:

Recreate familiar scenes and talk about their family and home life.

#### Mathematics

Learn about differences between quantities, use some number language such as: more, a lot, many, not as many, different, same. Eg. Using a till in a shop.

Develop use of positional language: next, along, in between, behind, in front, on top, beneath, below, under, over, Use a range of mathematical skills and knowledge in role play e.g. making tea.

Extend children's language and thinking skills through, for example, open ended questions and responding to children play.

Being aware of and sensitive to children personal situations e.g. family situations

Adults will provide a variety of resources reflecting diversity eg food containers, clothing, photographs

Adults will introduce new scenarios and offer guidance in explaining particular equipment- eg blood pressure monitor, appointment diary.

Adults will respond to children's ideas by creating new areas and will encourage children's involvement in this- e.g. setting up together, making decisions about where to put new equipment

Support role play outdoors on a bigger scale, using found objects and planned resources effectively in response to children's ideas- e.g. to build pirate ships.

Ensure that children feel ownership of their role play environments by offering sensitive amount of support to build settings, encouraging them to experiment with their own designs.

Encourage children to assess risks as they build and design role play settings for e.g. when den building make comments and ask questions. I like the way you have....have you checked if it is safe to move across? etc.



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#### EAD:

Make props to support their role play and imaginary play
Act out and talk about experiences from their own lives e.g.
dressing up, eating dinner, acting out familiar roles.
Begin to act out less familiar roles and experiences e.g.
doctor, going on holiday, going in to hospital, vets etc.