

2 year olds are ready to learn, play and explore. By providing a good range of appropriate and stimulating resources you can create an environment which encourages and supports communication. As practitioners, you will find it easier to engage children and be responsive in your interactions as you allow children to lead in their play....

**Awe & Wonder:** resources to support exploratory play & encourage imagination: bubbles, magnets, mirrors, torches, wind chimes, light-boxes, fabrics, windmills, feely boxes, kaleidoscopes, musical instruments

**Heuristic play** natural objects, shiny & metal objects, wooden, kitchen ware & utensils, sensory objects, stone pebbles, metal pebbles, feathers.

**Collections** buttons, bottle tops, ribbons, zips, jewellery, bangles, corks, bags, boxes (different sizes) satchels, purses, wooden bowls, metal bowls, baskets.

**Cosy Corners** resources for den making, material, pop up tents, willow and wicker tee-pees, large cardboard boxes, dog baskets, snuggly dens

**Small World Play** farm & zoo animals, dinosaurs, dragons, fairies, mermaids, dolls, people, landscapes, transport, cars & garage, airport, fire engines, train tracks & wooden small world blocks and furniture

**Role – Play** measuring spoons, weighing scales, colanders, dolls and accessories tea sets, multi-cultural cooking utensils and resources, cleaning sets, dustpans and brushes, cleaning and polishing set, ironing board and iron, hoovers, sweeping brush, soft toys, dressing up

**Storytelling** story prop bags, puppets, dressing up, story boxes, soft toys, board books and large books, real life photo books of children's own experiences

**Outdoor learning** waterproofs, wellies, umbrellas, brushes, watering cans, tools, wheelbarrows, mini beast area, wormery, bughouse, magnifiers, binoculars, bird feeders, outdoor mirrors, chalkboards

**Physical development** wheelie toys, scooters, large pull along toys, trolleys, ride along toys, balls, bean bags, parachute. Opportunities for climbing, rolling, tunnels, bridges, arches tyres, trampolines, jumping, rocking & spinning, crates, mini unit, construction toys

**Messy/creative play** sand & water, funnels, tunnels, tubes, builder trays, buckets, whisks, floating blocks, hose, guttering, tubing, cornflour, play foam, coloured rice, messy containers & bowls, marble runs, hammer and block toys, pop-up toys, click clack tracks, inset puzzles, skittles, jack in the box, tool-sets, sound and light toys, ICT toys (cameras, sound buttons, role-play



**Resources to support schemas** buckets, bags, boxes buggies, trolleys, wheelie toys, hoops, water wheels, rollers, spinners, spinning tops, pouring jugs, floating scarves, large & small bouncy balls, bean bags, masking tape, fabric, string, weaving frame and ribbons, collections, natural objects