

MINI WORLD PLAY



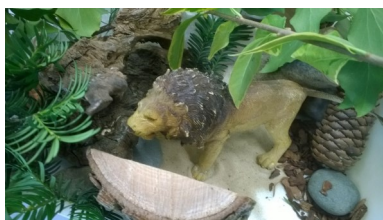
Use natural materials to create an
imaginative and magical mini world in
any outdoor space

Areas of learning

communication and language
understanding the world
literacy

You will need:

- areas for small world play, e.g. flower beds, plant pots, plastic containers.
- lots of natural materials, e.g. sticks, stones, seeds etc.
- toy animals and people



Gather, imagine and play

Gather some natural materials and let children use their imagination to create a mini world, for example a house or different rooms inside a house or even a garden. They can then add toy animals or people.

These work well in flower beds, old tyres, plant pots or plastic containers. If you fill them with sand, soil or gravel then that creates a foundation or base for starting to build in.

You may even make your own characters out of natural materials, e.g. [a stick person](#).

Scale, speech and stories

Explore the concept of scale; the size of our world in relation to the mini one as well as the size of the different parts in comparison to the toy figures used, e.g. the fairy must fit into the bed!

Encourage use of language to describe the natural materials such as the way they feel or their colour. This could be used to create a story, e.g. "The lion slept on the soft bed made from feathers because the ground was hard and rough".

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