

Continuous Provision Role / Imaginative play

Role / imaginative play is an important part of child development, as it builds confidence, creativity communication, physical development and problem solving.

Along with being a fun activity, it also allows children to get into character and act out real life roles or fictional performances.

We encourage children to take calculated risks and be creative with the role they are playing.

We provide themed props and equipment and encourage the children to develop their imaginations and ideas.

Role / imaginative play provision is changed regularly and we take cues from the children about the type of imaginative play they want to engage with.

Role / imaginative play is a fun way for the children to learn about different professions and day-to-day situations.



Role / imaginative play encourages empathy between children. It allows them to act out real life situations and get creative! It increases a child's ability to positively interact with others, giving them the responsibility to act accordingly and effectively disguises learning as play.

Through role / imaginative play, we help children develop a rich vocabulary, problem-solving strategies, more curiosity, more empathy and a better ability to take on the perspective of others. Children are supported to cooperate with peers, share their experiences and increase their focus and attention span.

Areas of learning covered: Communication & Language; Personal, Social and Emotional; Physical, Numeracy, Literacy, Understanding the World, Expressive Art and Design.