

What are the benefits of role play?

In class, we use role play all the time! It is such an important part of your child's development and so it is vital to continue this when learning from home.

- Role play helps children to make sense of the world
- Develop confidence and self-esteem
- Show initiative
- Express their personality
- Develop communication and language skills
- Investigate real life situations
- Developing self regulation through working cooperatively, team work, and conflict resolution as children agree the roles and rules of play.
- Use their imagination
- Developing storytelling skills
- Developing problem solving and critical thinking
- Develop decision making skills
- Applying life skills and mimicking past experiences in a safe environment
- Taking risks
- Developing creativity
- Children will engage in sustained shared thinking

Thinking outside the box...

- Role play doesn't have to mean needing all the correct costumes or the best looking structures... in fact this can limit play.
- I would encourage your child to use their imagination using 'real' items you have in your home. Some of the best resources are cardboard boxes, duvet covers or blankets for den/ structure making, kitchen utensils, baskets and parents' old clothes and accessories.

WHENEVER CHILDREN SAY
“Let’s pretend”, A
NEW LANDSCAPE OF
POSSIBILITIES FOR LEARNING IS
REVEALED.

WHEN CHILDREN PRETEND, THEY
TRY ON NEW FEELINGS, ROLES
AND IDEAS. THEY *stretch*
their minds ALONG WITH
THEIR *imagination*s.

~ Curtis & Carter