

MAKE PLAY THE PRIORITY

Part Three: Toys & Resources



Make sure you have already watched Part One and Two of this course!

This week we are focusing on **Toys and Resources** and these are some things I would like you to consider when creating play opportunities for your young children this week...

·It's easy to think you need to have a houseful of toys to keep kids entertained but it's just not true, and this is why I created playPROMPTS. So many items around the house has lots of play potential, it's just about getting in the habit of spotting it!

·When thinking about your toys and resources, what are your priorities as a parent?
·Look at your child's play style, what do they choose to play/ do and tailor the toys available to them to suit their play preferences.

·My favourites; role play toys such as tills, pots and pans, then items for the bath, construction, small world people, vehicles and animals, toys that are open ended and offer a variety of ways to play.

·Don't need every type of toy i.e shop, what have you got at home instead? Looking for play potential in everyday items. Get in the habit of saving things from the recycling and making collections.

·Too many toys can be overwhelming for young children so less is more. Make sure everything has a home which makes it easier to have organised toys. Remember you do not need a dedicated play space or play room and of course, it doesn't need to be pinterest worthy!