

Mystery Boxes

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This is a set of three boxes, each with a sliding lock to undo/open.

- The first box has a mirrored interior which helps to recreate different effects when things are placed inside. It works well with jewels and glowing items as the images bounce off all the sides/surfaces.
- The second is a grassy scene. This is great for small world scenarios and locations. Create a miniature garden or a scene from a fairytale. You also could make a farm scene.
- The third box has a soft, fur interior. It has a really cosy texture and you could place lots of different items inside.
- The boxes are aimed at developing a sense of curiosity and language skills. The children are using their fine motor skills to undo the locks and then discover what is inside. You could place different things each day and use them as conversation starters. You may start from the child's interest or choose something to fire imaginations.
- Try leaving messages or clues that the children have to follow.
- Place things inside that promote discussion. What is it? How did it get there? What do you do with it? Who does it belong to?
- You could leave baby photographs inside and the children could be detectives trying to work out who the characters are. Think of ways to encourage the children to ask questions.
- Leave items from well-known fairytales, eg. sticks, straw, bricks or a porridge bowl. You could also put in things to do with rhymes, eg. Incy wincey.
- Imagine opening the door and there is a purse, a box or some other intriguing container. Ask the children to predict what is inside.
- For older children the boxes could be story starters linked to phonics, numbers, etc.
- There are so many things the boxes could be used for. Children love to be surprised and as they open the mystery doors their imaginations can soar.