



Horn End News

Let's Pretend! The Magical Benefits of Role Play

Children are naturally drawn to role play—the magical art of imitation and make believe but role play is more than fun...it's a key component of learning. According to child development experts, role-play helps children acquire all kinds of skills and knowledge, encouraging them to:

- Explore imagination
- Think in the abstract
- Acquire language skills
- Build social skills
- Problem solve
- Understand someone else's perspective
- Learn essential life skills from adults
- Discover leadership skills
- Safely explore the world beyond
- Acquire confidence and a sense of self



Because role-play engages emotion, cognition, language, and sensory motor skills, scientists theorize it actually creates synaptic connections between parts of the brain. And the more synapses, the greater a child's intelligence!

One way children learn about the people in their world is by recreating real-life people, places, and situations. As they play, they reinforce what they have learned about appropriate behaviour in different situation.

More likely than not, when children explore this type of role play, they're not alone — they're playing with friends so this helps with cooperative role play which teaches children how to negotiate, take turns, work as part of a team, and play leader — all necessary to developing social skills.

Research has shown that boys are underachieving in educational settings. Horn End has studied this and are making big steps to ensure that boys are given the same opportunities to learn as girls. Role-play is a massive part of this.

In guidance for nurseries in England, the Department for Children, Schools and Families says 'role playing helps create the right conditions for boys' learning and could help them become more engaged in education in the future.'

If you have any resources you think we might find useful to develop role play let us know as often they can be just unwanted household items.

Special points of interest

- ∅ Activities and special days
- ∅ Stay and Play
- ∅ Managers Memo
- ∅ Tesco vouchers
- ∅ Benefits of role play



The children all had lovely time looking at the different animals during our visit from Zoo Lab

What's happening this month

Tuesday 5th May

Baby Smalls will be having fun in the water play with the animals

Wednesday 6th May

Tommy Thumbs will be making smoothies

Thursday 7th May

Please can the babies bring in their own hairbrush for the song 'Cold and frosty morning'

Monday 11th May

Toby Talls will be going for a walk to the park

Wednesday 13th May

Tommy Thumbs will be making sock puppets, please can the children all bring in a sock!!

Thursday 14th May

Baby Smalls will be playing with the climbing frame and tunnel.

Friday 15th May

Stay and Play!!

Friday 15th May

Tommy Thumbs are having summer fun!! We will be making ice-lollies!

Friday 22nd May

Toby Talls are having a mini beast day.

Thursday 28th May

Please can the children come dressed in red and black for our ladybird day, we will be making masks and listening to the ladybird story.

We are in the process of collecting Tesco vouchers any help with this would be appreciated

All the children have taken part in the planting of seeds plants and vegetables. We believe that this is a vital part of children learning all about the world in which they live.



MANAGERS MEMO

We are creating a jungle role play area indoors this month If any of you have anything at home that would help us then we would be very grateful
Emma

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& Wharf Road, Rugeley.

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