

Zebras – Activity 5 ideas | Guided Role play

Working with small groups of 3 – 5 children, door shut



Dolls House

Take the dolls house, and all the furniture and set up a guided small world play. Have sets of carpets and lino, grass and other floor coverings that fit in each room. Take small people, even some house hold animals. Questions to ask:

- How shall we decorate this room?
- Who will live in this room?
- What will this room be used for?
- How will they use this room?
- Shall we invite the people to come and play in their new house?
- What are they doing in here?
- Where will they have their dinner?

Train Track

Set up the train track (pre built for the children) have a box of extra track that they can extend the track with if they wish. Have a selection of trains, and little people. Extend by using large carb-board boxes from the fruit deliveries to create stations.

Teddy Bear's Picnic

Gather to together 5 teddy bears or dolls. Borrow the Picnic rug and kits from Elephants, gather together all of the little plates and tea pots. Set up a tea party, and invite the children to join in and help the teddy bears. Ask questions about what food and drink is on offer. Make unusual requests, like weak tea with Soya milk, or coffee with frothy almond milk. Take the opportunity to discuss how different people like to take their drinks. Explain that Teddy wants gluten free sandwiches, talk about why he doesn't eat gluten. Introduce other dietary requirements that the other bears have. What can the children offer the tea party guests as alternatives?

Set up a shop

Bring money, and tills from the different classrooms, take all the cardboard boxes from the fruit and veg deliveries. Borrow all of the uncooked fruit and veg from the real kitchen. Turn boxes upside down and set up a fruit and veg stall. Use all the mini white boards to write the name and cost of each product. Bring weighing scales so you can weigh the products with the children. Help the children to catagorise which stalls could sell which products. Invite children to come and buy the food. Some children can be the shop keepers.

Using Similar ideas as above:

- ➡ Set up a mini Zoo
- ➡ Set up a Road (take several road mats to lay out, and borrow cars from ALL classrooms, so that there are LOADS of vehicles to choose from)
- ➡ Create a 'Building' session. Bring large wooden blocks in from the garden, and take the soft blocks from the lobby, and take small wooden building blocks) Build a city of towers. You could extend this by bringing in the road wooden blocks from the garden and using these