

Lower School Toys Topic

Useful websites

www.youtube.co.uk - Search for topic related stories, songs, film and tv links e.g. Toy Story, Pinocchio, Teddy Bears picnic action rhyme, 10 in the bed, character toys-Peppa Pig, Thomas the Tank, Spungebob Square Pants, Bob the Builder etc.

www.cbeebies.co.uk - songs, games, iplayer.

Activities

- Sharing toys- playing board games.
- Make a junk model toy.
- Visit to a toy shop or toy museum.
- Visit a toy library, for example, Mere Green or a local Sure Start Centre.
- Find a friend or sibling to swap a toy with and show them how it works.
- Ask grandparents or relatives for any old toys that they might have to share with your child.
- Look at old baby toys or photographs of toys they used to play with.
- Play outdoor games e.g. ball games, hop scotch, hide and seek, skittles, skipping, running races etc.
- Visit a local park to play on their outdoor toys.
- Make a kite out of a plastic carrier bag and string.
- Make a toy boat out of a sponge and a straw.
- Drawing / painting pictures of toys.
- Make or play with play dough.
- Building with various construction materials- a wall for Humpty, towers, enclosures for toy animals etc
- Drive toy cars along ramps/ surfaces - races, do they go faster on different surfaces
- Exploring sand and water toys.
- Counting toys.
- Making a tall / short tower.
- Sorting toys into categories e.g. all balls, cars etc.
- Cutting out favourite toys from catalogues.
- Imaginative play using old boxes, pieces of material etc.

Songs

- Humpty Dumpty
- Miss Polly had a dolly
- Seesaw Marjory Daw
- Teddy bear, teddy bear turn around
- Teddy Bears Picnic
- Theme tunes for character toys e.g. Thomas the Tank, Peppa Pig and Bob the Builder
- Listen to film intros on you tube e.g. Toy Story
- 1 little, 2 little, 3 little aeroplanes, 4 little, 5 little, 6 little aeroplanes, 7 little, 8 little, 9 little aeroplanes, 10 little zooming aeroplanes

Discussion

- Communicate through talking / signing about your favourite toys
- Describe how different toys work e.g. push, pull, friction, cause and effect
- Tell a friend how a toy works
- Have a chat on a toy telephone to a member of your family