

Playgroup Equipment and Materials Checklist



EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS FOR PRE-SCHOOLS AND PLAYGROUPS

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Introduction

This is a list of possible materials and equipment to support a play-based curriculum, mainly for children from three to five years. They will help you to provide of a rich, stimulating, creative and challenging environment both inside and outside. The booklet is a work in progress that IPPA will develop in the future. Right now it will support you in planning and spending the funding you have received through the DEIS programme.

Equipment plays a very important role in early childhood education and care. When equipment is familiar to children, it helps them to connect. For example, pots and pans, tool boxes and foods are often the source of conversation and shared play. Children use equipment and materials in their play to share with others the knowledge and experience they bring from home. This is often the route to finding out about other people's lives. When equipment and materials are open-ended, that is, they can be used for many purposes, they encourage creativity and imagination. (see IPPA booklet 'Open ended materials') Children and adults ask questions such as *'What could we use as a television, to build a tent, to make a racing track, to have a birthday party....?' and they come up with solutions and their own creations. When materials change and grow in complexity, children are challenged. They are encouraged to explore and think and consult. New and challenging equipment often gives rise to new and extended play. Three questions we might ask when selecting equipment are therefore: Will it help children to connect? Will it support creativity? Will it challenge children?*

The list in this booklet is extensive. It is full of ideas. You don't need everything but now you have a bank of ideas from which you can plan your shopping list. Involve the children in decision making

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about what to buy and how to use and store it. Introduce new acquisitions gradually and when children express an interest. Remember to buy long lasting, reliable equipment that is child friendly and inviting.

Enough advice – enjoy!

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Documenting, Assessing and Sharing Children's Learning

The following items are modern supports for documenting and sharing children's learning. Digital cameras have changed the world of observation. Now we can capture in a flash significant learning moments and events in a child's day and share them with significant people in the child's life. The digital camera is simple to use and sturdy and so the children themselves can be involved in selecting moments for photographing. Computer and printer mean their stories can travel.

Photographs and video need permission from parents and children. They must be treated with respect and stored carefully. The policy and procedures of the service should be documented and shared with staff and parents. (See IPPA Policy and Guidelines)

Item	Have	Need	Desirable
Digit camera			
Computer			
Colour Printer			
Printer Ink			
Storage for equipment			
Portfolios/scrapbooks			
Display boards			
Interactive White Board			
Blank CDs for photos			
Storage for portfolios			
Laminator			
LCD projector			

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HOME CORNER

KITCHEN AREA

Item	Have	Need	Desirable
Defined, semi enclosed area			
Small wooden circular table			
Chairs			
Wooden cooker –oven, hot plates			
Wooden sink			
Wooden fridge			
Real microwave oven			
Real toaster (no wire or plug)			
Larder/ “food” storage press			
Storage press –crocery			
Vegetable rack			
Vegetables			
Storage press – cooking utensils			
Attractive small flower vase			
Table cloth			
Place mats			
Real Knives, forks			
Real Tea, desert and soup spoons			
Peeler			
Chop sticks			
Real teacups and saucers			
Real side plates and dinner plates			
Real soup/cereal bowls			
Real drinking glasses			
Egg cups			
Condiment set/ salt, pepper mills			
Real toast rack			
Real Tea pot			
Real matching milk jug, Sugar bowl			
Cloth Napkins			
Napkin Rings			
Small basin			
Dish clothes			
Bottle brush			

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HOME CORNER

KITCHEN AREA CONT.

Item			
Kitchen sponge			
Pot scrub			
Washing up brush			
Tea towels			
Aprons			
Sweeping bush			
Dustpan and brush			
Real saucepans			
Frying pan			
wok			
Oven dishes			
Small colander			
Sieve			
Ladle, fish slice,			
Wooden spoons, spatulas			
Garlic press			
Tin opener			
Bun tin			
Baking tray			
Cake tin			
Loaf tin			
Cooling tray			
Pastry cutters			
Real mixing bowl			
Real rolling pin			
Measuring jug			
Measuring spoons			
Whisk			
Egg beater			
Pastry brushes			
Basting set			
Icing set			
Egg timer			
Grater			
Mortar and pestle			
Real jars of spices			

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LIVING AREA

Item			
Defined area			
Child size sofa			
Child size arm chairs			
Child size rocking chair			
Small magazine rack			
Magazines, comics, travel brochure			
Photo album- group/activities/staff			
Real Telephone			
Real Mobile Phone			
Real potted Plants			
Real Indoor watering can			
Photos frames			
Photos of group/ activities			
Wall hangings relevant to locality			
Wall hangings reflecting group diversity			
Mirror			
Battery operated door bell			

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HOME CORNER

BABY CARE /DOLLS

Item			
Dolls – boy/girl			
Dolls- diverse races			
Dolls – diverse ability			
Doll’s prams			
Doll’s buggy			
Doll’s wardrobe			
Doll’s chest of drawers			
New baby dresses, trousers, tops etc (winter and summer)			
“ hats			
“ shoes			
“ dribblers			
High- chair			
Bouncing chair			
Carry cot			
Baby feeding bottles			
Baby feed bowl			
Baby feeding spoon			
Baby drinking cup			
“ brush and comb set			
Hair accessories reflecting diversity			
Baby rattlers			
Baby monitor			
Baby’s changing bag			
Newborn disposable nappies			
Nappy disposal bags			
Empty sudocream /vasaline			
Doll’s bath			
Baby bath towel			
Baby sponge			
Baby bath toys			

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SLEEPING AREA

Item			
Defined area			
Child-sized bed (or cot mattress)			
Sheets			
Duvet			
Pillow			
Cushions			
Bedside locker			
Table lamp			
Bed time story books			
Doll's Beds/cots			
“ Blankets			
“ Sheets			
“ duvets			
Sleeping bag			
Baby cot mobile			
Alarm clock			
Wooden Dressing table			
Hairbrush			
Comb			
Afro-comb			
Real hairdryer (No lead/plug)			
Jewellery Box			
Jewellery			
Make-up brushes			
Empty perfume bottles			
Real electric shaver (- batteries			
Shaving brush			
Empty Aftershave bottles			
Laundry Basket			

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DRESS-UP AREA

Item			
Defined area			
Dress up unit			
Long mirrors			
Hangers			
Dresses			
Trousers			
Waistcoats			
Coats			
Uniforms			
Clothing that reflects the diversity of the families attending the service			
Display unit for hats			
Hats			
Shoe rack			
Shoes –child size –seasonal			
Scarves			
Fabric–silk, voile, cotton Large enough to use as wraps, cloaks, carrying cloths etc			
Attractive, labelled storage boxes			
Display unit for handbags/purses etc			
Handbags			
Purses			
Wallets			
Old credit cards			
Cosmetic bags			
Briefcases			
Shopping bags			
Small shopping trolley			

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PROP BOXES FOR ROLE PLAY

GENERAL

Item			
Defined area for themed role play			
Puppet Theatre/shop counter Market stall			
Table/counter/shelving			
Scanner/till			
Money			
Land line phone			
Mobile phone			
Computer monitor			
Keyboard			
Mouse			
Post its			
Note pads			
Holiday Play			
Suitcase			
Tickets (airline, bus)			
Swimsuits			
Sunglasses			
Suncream			
Armbands			
Flipflops			
Sunhats			

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PROP BOXES FOR ROLE PLAY

1. GARAGE

Item			
Box, labelled –pictures and words			
Garage sign (Laminated)			
Open/closed sign (laminated)			
Mechanic's tool box			
Real tools-wrench/screwdriver			
Overalls			
Ramps			
Duplicate book			
Pens/pencils			
Old NCT certificates			
Clip board			
Check list for repairs			
Mobile phone			
Bucket, sponges, clothes			
Bicycle pump			
Bicycle repair kit			
Petrol Pump			
Car magazines/old car maintenance books			
Relevant posters/pictures			
Photos –children using props			
(Bikes/scooters/trikes)			

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PROP BOXES FOR ROLE PLAY

2. HAIRDRESSERS/BARBERS

Item			
Box, labelled -picture and words			
Sign with name of hairdresser/barbers			
Open/closed sign			
Appointment book			
Pen			
Name tags for staff			
Old shower head and hose			
Basin			
shampoo bottles			
Empty conditioner bottles			
Gowns			
Head towels			
Real hairdryer			
Real curling tongs			
Real hair straightener			
Make-up case			
Hair brushes			
Combs			
Afro combs			
Electric hair trimmer			
Styling combs			
Styling brushes			
Molton Browners			
Rollers			
Hair accessories – slides, clips, hair bands, scrunchies			
Hair Accessories for beading and braiding			
Empty gel, mouse, and hair spray containers.			
Emery boards			
Nail buffers			
Nail polish			
Hand held mirrors			
Fashion magazines /comics			
Hair styles books made by the children			
Price list, words/pictures laminated			
Suitable posters			
Photos-children using props			

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PROP BOXES FOR ROLE PLAY

3.SHOP

Item			
Box, labelled - pictures and word			
Shop Sign			
Open/closed sign			
Staff name tags			
Paper for labels and price tags			
Small note books –shopping lists			
Pens			
Markers			
Weighing scales			
Canvas shopping bags			
Handbags			
Purses			
Wallets			
Money			
Small wire shopping baskets			
Small wire shopping trolleys			
Small size tinned food			
Display baskets			
Real fruit			
Real vegetable			
Empty food cartons (stuffed) #			
Empty food boxes (Stuffed) #			
Relevant posters/Pictures			
Photos of children using materials			

representing the cultures attending the group – ask parent to contribute empty food boxes, cartons and containers that their child enjoys.

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PROP BOXES FOR ROLE PLAY

4. DOCTORS SURGERY

Item			
Box labelled -pictures and words			
Surgery sign			
Opening Hours			
Waiting area			
Chairs			
Magazines/comics			
Children's books			
Health info leaflets			
Clip Boards			
Appointment book			
Pens			
"Patient" record cards			
Record card box			
Doctor's white coats			
Nurses uniform			
Real stethoscope			
Thermometer strip			
Doctor's Bag			
Bandages			
Slings			
Height chart			
Eye chart			
Weighing scales			
Baby Changing mat			
Skeleton chart			
Posters/pictures			
Photos of children using mater			

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OFFICE/ WRITING CENTRE

Item			
Table			
Chairs			
Shelving, with labels, photos and words			
Writing Paper/ Copies/ A4 pads			
Envelopes			
Drawing paper, various sizes and colour			
“Fancy” Paper			
Small Note books			
Post –its			
Tracing paper			
Light card			
Stickers			
Sellotape and dispenser			
Rulers (meter etc)			
Hole Punch			
Stencils			
Ink pad			
Shapes for printing			
Attractive, labelled containers for the following:			
Pencils and Colouring pencils			
Erasers			
Parers			
Chalk and chalk boards			
Felt Markers			
Crayons			
Stapler			
Paper clips / fasteners			
Treasury tags			
Computer			
Computer Software programmes			
Telephone directories			
Street and country road maps			
Display area – samples of children’s work			
Photos of children using materials			

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BLOCK CENTRE

Item			
Defined area			
Shelving –labelled (photos, words, shapes)			
Large hollow blocks			
Unit blocks			
Small wooden block			
Architectural Blocks			
Large Cardboard blocks			
Large squares/pieces of plywood			
Large heavy duty tubes			
Planks of wood			
Pieces of heavy duty cardboard			
Wooden sticks			
Wooden logs			
Tree stumps			
Steering wheels			
Wheels			
Collection of sturdy boxes –small to huge.			
Large lorries, diggers, tractors etc.			
High Visibility vests			
Hard hats			
Books on architecture/ bridge building etc			
Posters/Photos of famous buildings			
Photos of children using the area			
Large potted plants			
Display of photos of children's creations			

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CONSTRUCTION CENTRE

Item			
Defined area			
Low level shelving –labelled			
Attractive storage boxes for the following			
Duplo			
Sticklebrick			
Nuts & Bolts construction set			
Wooden car tracks			
Wooden cars to suit above			
Road mat			
Wooden train tracks			
Trains to suit above			
Wooden garage			
Emergency vehicles (varied)			
Buses, planes, helicopters			
Boats			
Cranes			
Lorries			
Wooden professional people			
Wooden diverse families			
Farm buildings , fencing			
Farm animals			
Farm vehicles			
Wooden frame family			
Wooden zoo –buildings, fence			
Wooden Zoo animals			
Wooden Jungle animals			
Pluming pipes and connectors			
Large potted plants			
Relevant books			
Relevant posters			

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WOOD WORKING CENTRE

(Ideally situated in a covered out-door area –
Safety rules and supervision required)

Item			
Defined area			
Work working bench			
Safety goggles			
Vices			
Clamps (for wood gluing)			
Saws (40-45 cm blade)			
Screwdrivers			
Pliers (medium size)			
Hand drill brace and bit			
Safe storage for tools			
Sand paper			
Nails			
Screws			
Nuts, bolts, washers			
Wire			
Wood glue			
Variety of soft wood (fir, white pine)			
Sandpaper various grades			
Tree stumps, Logs, sticks			
Bottle caps (for hammering to wood)			
Jar lids “ “ “			
Paint for wood –various colours			
Household paint brushes			
Rags/clothes			
Dust-pan and brush			
Relevant books			
Relevant posters			
Photos of children using the area			

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BOOK CORNER

Item			
Defined area			
Book storage – front cover facing out			
Soft floor covering			
Large Cushions			
Adult sized arm/rocking chair			
Adult sized sofa			
Picture books – to assist children whose first language is not English			
Traditional story books			
Nursery rhymes and poetry books			
Book that reflect diversity –ability, race, gender, various family structures			
Giant books for circle time			
Reference books – weather, earth Children’s atlas, space, etc			
Factual books – occupations, animals, life events			
Books made by the children			
Photos albums of special trips and events in the service			
Variety of comics and Magazines			
Story prop boxes/bags			
Storage for above			
Puppet theatre			
Puppets – finger, glove, wired – diverse animals, people			
C.D. player			
Story C. D.s			
Listening game C. D.s			
Recorder and mike			
Photo of local library			
Photo of children using the area			

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MESSY PLAY CENTRE

SAND

Item			
Defined area			
Sand box/sand corner/ sand room (depending on space)			
Wet sand			
Dry Sand			
Accessible storage for materials			
Transparent containers (variety)			
Buckets in proportion to size of sand area			
Spades “			
Shovels “			
Rakes “			
Sieves “			
Funnels			
Moulds “			
Diggers “			
Dumper trucks “			
Lorries “			
Cars “			
Trucks “			
Animals			
People –Families			
People – Professionals			
Watering cans			
Sand wheel			
Twigs			
Sticks			
Fir cones			
Feathers			
Stones			
Pebbles			
Shells			
Sweeping brush			
Dustpan and brush			
Pictures of/books about beach			
Books on building			
Photos of children using the area			
Photos of children’s sand creations			

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MESSY PLAY CENTRE

WATER PLAY

Item			
Defined area			
Water tray (as large as possible)			
Storage shelving			
Apron hangers			
Transparent Bottles small to large (5 lt)			
Transparent jugs sm – lrg			
Watering cans			
lengths of transparent tubing			
Boats			
Floating items orks/acorns/ tubs			
Sinking items– stones, shells etc			
Underwater marine figures – Fish, crabs, whales, dolphins			
Non-toxic paint or natural food colouring for water			
Water wheels			
Water Pumps			
Sponges			
Sieves			
Washable dolls			
Doll clothes for washing			
Pieces of guttering			
Plumbing pipes selection			
Plumbing bends /elbows			
Rubber people			
Rubber animals			
Materials for dam making			
Floating islands			
Baby bath lotion for suds and bubbles			
Whisk			
Egg beater			
Colanders			
Spray gun bottles			
Squirting bottles			
Water pistols			
Mops for spillages			
Basins			
Paper towels for hand-drying			
Posters/Books about the sea, river, lakes			
Photos of children using the area			
Photos of children's creations			

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MESSY PLAY CENTRE

PLAYDOUGH

Item			
Defined Area			
Table			
Chairs			
Accessible, labelled shelving			
Attractive labelled storage baskets			
Mixing bowls for each child			
Wooden spoons for each child			
Playdough recipes books for children –variety			
Playdough – melon sized for each child			
Flour sieves			
Sifters			
Flour			
Allow plenty of time for exploration gradually introduce the following:			
Rolling pins			
Pastry cutters			
mould			
Baking tins			
Bun tins			
Plates			
Real butter knives			
Real forks			
Scissors			
Shells			
Cars,			
Trucks			
Items for making patterns on the dough eg. Buttons, strong corrugated paper			
Photos of children using the area			
Photos of children's creations			

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MESSY PLAY CENTRE

CLAY PLAY

Item			
Defined Area			
Table			
Oil cloth covering			
Chairs			
Accessible, labelled shelving			
Attractive labelled storage baskets			
Potters clay –grapefruit sized piece for each child			
Clay cutting wires			
Wooden boards clay			
Small bowls (for water)			
Spray gun bottles for water			
Butter knives			
Clay wooden clay tools			
Poster paints			
Acrylic paints			
Paint brushes			
Beads for decorating			
Pva glue for glazing			
Trays for holding finished items			
Area for air drying items			
Airtight containers for storing			
Samples of clay items			
Books/posters on pottery			
Photos of children using the area			
Photos of children's clay creations			

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MESSY PLAY CENTRE

PAINT

Item			
Defined Area			
Easels			
Drying rack			
Aprons (<i>optional</i>) –easel painting			
Paper – variety of colours			
Paper –variety of textures/grades			
Paper – variety of sizes			
Paint pots			
Poster paints – <i>variety of colours</i>			
Paints – <i>variety of skins tones</i>			
Thick paint brushes			

GLUP

Item			
Defined Area			
Table			
Aprons			
Accessible hangers for aprons			
Trays – various shapes and sizes			
Glup Recipe Book for children			
Mixing Bowls			
Measuring jugs			
Wooden spoons			
Cornflour			
Custard powder			

HAND WASHING FACILITIES - FOR MESSY PLAY

Item			
Defined Area			
Child sized sinks			
Temperature controlled hot water			
Liquid soap dispenser			
Paper towels			
Paper towel bin			
Hand washing signs			

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ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTRE

Item			
Tables			
Chairs			
Shelving <i>to enclose and store</i>			
Paper-variety of sizes			
Construction paper			
Graph paper			
Tissue paper			
Crepe Paper			
Tin foil			
Parchment Paper			
Wall paper			
Newsprint			
Sketching pads			
White card <i>-heavy and lightweight</i>			
Light card in various colours			
Heavy card in various colours			
Corrugated paper			
Acetates			
Paper Plates small/large			
Doilies			
Paint pallets			
Woven or cloth storage baskets for presentation of materials			
Water colours			
Inch /inch and a half household paint brushes			
Thin paint brushes			
Small paint rollers			
Sponge shapes			
Felt pens			
Colouring Pencils			
Markers			
Pastels			
Charcoal			
Used greeting cards			
A variety of Catalogues			
Boxes (tiny to big)			
Cardboard egg boxes			
Wrapping paper			
Scraps of material			
Scraps of lace			
Variety of wool			
Braiding – assortment			
Ribbon			
Florists ribbon			

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ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTRE

Pipe cleaners			
String			
Twine			
Shoe laces			
Elastic bands			
Fine wire			
Lollipop sticks (<i>New</i>)			
Match sticks (<i>New</i>)			
Large pipe cleaners			
Small Pipe cleaners			
Buttons – variety of sizes, shapes, colours and textures			
Darning needle and thread			
Art straws			
Sequins			
Beads			
Feathers			
Cotton balls			
Cotton wool			
Pebbles			
Pasta shapes			
Dried corn			
Stickers			
Gummed shapes			
PVA glue			
Paste brushes			
Glue sticks			
Glitter glue			
Prit stick			
Sellotape dispensers			
Sellotape			
Masking tape			
Coloured insulating tape			
Staplers			
Paper clips			
Paper fasteners			
Hole punches			
Scissors (<i>including left handed</i>)			
Waste paper basket			
Items for still life drawing			
Books on famous artists			
Make and do books e.g. art attack			
Famous prints			
Photos of children using area			
Art display Table and wall space			

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TABLE TOP ACTIVITIES

GENERAL

Item			
Defined, enclosed Area			
Tables			
Chairs			
Accessible, labelled shelving			

JIG-SAWS

Item			
Simple inset wooden			
Six piece jigsaws			
Twelve piece jigsaws			
Thirty-five piece jigsaws			
Layered Jigsaws			
Sequencing jig-saws			
Life-cycle jig-saws (e.g. frog spawn to frog)			
Floor jigsaws			
Jig-saws representing the following:			
Diverse cultures			
Home situations			
Animals – farm, jungle, zoo wild, polar			
Underwater scenes			
Vehicles – farm, building, emergency, travel			
Food			
Popular cartoon characters			

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TABLE TOP ACTIVITIES

Item			
Sequencing cards			
Lotto games			
Picture Dominoes Various			
Traditional Dominoes			
Picture snap card			
Happy Families card			
Threading spools			
Threading beads –lrg and sm			
Beautiful button box			
A selection of buttons – sizes, shapes and textures			
Lacing for above			
Lacing cards and laces			
Peg boards and pegs chunky			
Peg boards and pegs small			
Magnetic Dress-up game girl			
Magnetic Dress-up game boy			
Shapes and posting box			
Matching games- e.g. shopping,			
Nesting cups			
Nesting Boxes			
Nesting rings			
Construction straws			
Simple board games			
Collection of small animals			
Collection of small people			
Photos of children using the area			

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SMALL WORLD PLAY

Item			
Defined area			
Wooden doll's house			
Family figures –diverse			
Doll's house furniture			
Doll's garden furniture			
Display table for Little world			
Wooden Box (wine box)			
Small potted plant			
Beautiful fabric – variety of sizes, textures, colours			
Table covering			
Wooden or glass bowl			
Small wooden blocks			
Beautiful Little world Prop boxes (for the following)			
Small scale household items- e.g. tiny tea set , pots			
Jungle animals			
Small Sea creatures			
Small Wild animals			
Small beautiful beads			
Small mosaic tiles			
Pumpkin seeds			
acorns			
Hay/straw			
Small pretty stones			
Small shells			
Photos of children using these materials			

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INTEREST /DISCOVERY CENTRE

Item			
Defined, enclosed area			
Tables			
Chairs			
Display table for themed displays			
Shelving for accessible storage			
Fish bowl or tank			
Light box			
Mirrors mounted / handheld			
Microscope			
Binoculars			
Stopwatch			
Magnifying glass / Bug catcher			
Compass			
Rulers / Measuring tapes			
Torches			
Small plant pots / Seed Trays			
Potting compost			
Fast growing seeds/bulbs – mustard, bean sprouts, mung beans , cress, Wheat grass, peas etc			
Indoor watering can			
Attractive natural baskets /boxes			
Sound Boxes			
Weight and Match sets			
Smelling boxes			
Magnets –small, medium, large			
Magnetic items e.g Nails, paper clips etc			
Prisms			
Kaleidoscope			
Variety items to touch and scrutinise:			
Variety of Rocks/ Crystals / shells/ dried fruit			
Variety of natural fibre-fabrics			
Variety of leaves, acorns, <u>etc</u>			
Selection of locks and keys			
Old Clocks, radios, watches phones etc to dismantle/ investigate			
Selection of screwdrivers for above			
Copper Plumbing joints (joins)			
Taps			
Paper / Note books			
Pens/pencils			
Books on nature and science			
Relevant posters/pictures			

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Photos of children using the area			
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THEMED INTEREST TABLES

Themes could include:			
Balls: ping-pong, squash, tennis, sliotar, sponge, rubber, football, rugby etc.			
Personal hygiene: Soap, shower gel, shampoo, nail brush, loofah, bursh, comb, fine comb, tissues, towel, facecloth etc			
Summer time: Flip-flops, sandals, sun hats, sun glasses, bathing suits, arm bands, Sun cream, etc.			
Dairy products: Milk, yogurt, cream, ice-cream, hard cheese, sliced, triangles, strings, yop etc.			
Fruit/ Vegetables; A selection of common and exotic fruit or vegetables, plates, knives, peelers. (Fruit salad/ veg. soup)			
Berries, Raspberry. Strawberry, blueberry, gooseberry, blackberry, blackcurrant. (blender, yogurt for smoothies)			
Cooking/baking: Sandwiches Rice-crispy buns, Jelly, Fairy cakes Brown bread Pancakes			
Wormery: Transparent container, alternate layers of soil and sand, dark paper to surround container, worms from the garden.			
Bird cake			

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MUSIC CENTRE

CD Player			
Variety of CDs – children’s songs, classical, traditional, instrumental, international etc.			
Scarves/ribbons for dancing			
Instruments – violin, tin whistle, pan pipes drums, castinets, bodhrán, cymbals, bells, xylophone, guitar, piano, harmonica, recorder, etc. Milton for cleaning			
Home made instruments: Sweet tins, Small plastic bottles filled with pasta, rice, etc, Biscuit tins, pots, cardboard/wooden boxes and dowel rods/ wooden spoons			
Books about instruments/ orchestras/ bands etc			
Music sheets/Song books			
Digital Recorder			
Visiting Musicians			

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OUTDOORS

Like the in-door space the out-door area can be divided into activity areas.

Item			
Roofed area/overhang/canopy – transparent corrugated, canvas or sailcloth			
Storage sheds			
Outside tap			
Range of surfaces – grass, all-weather, concrete, gravel, etc			
Natural green areas and dividers – trees, shrubs, plants, tall grass. (all non-toxic)			
Windssocks			
Weather vane			
Variety of wind chimes			
Nesting boxes			
Places to sit- watch, chat, do			
Communal seating areas-			
Winding paths/cycle paths connecting areas			
Wooden Wendy house			
Wooden Tree house			
Home corner equipment as listed			
Hide/den –netting, shaped willow, tent, tepee etc			
Cushions, blankets,			
Small hills and dips			
Large potting tubs			
Range of activity areas:.			
Sand –large sunken pit / Large wooden sand tray/sand tray/ box/basin.			
Cover for above			
Materials for sand as listed			
Storage for sand materials			
Water – river, fountain, water run, large water tray, small water tray, basin			
Large and small buckets			
Household paint brushes			
Fishing game (Rods/fish)			
Small fishing net s			
Water materials as listed			
Storage for water materials			
Defined area for digging -Muck			
Shovels			

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Item			
Forks			
Spades			
Rakes			
Buckets			
Trowels			
Wheelbarrows			
Planting area /raised boxes/ pots			
Seeds			
Bulbs			
Plant			
Plant labels			
Loose Materials as listed:			
Tyres			
Ropes			
Pullies			
Stones			
Pebbles			
Red bricks			
Wood			
Sticks			
Small tiles			
Large wooden cable reels			
Tricycles			
Bikes for two or more			
Large cars			
Buggies			
Carts			
Footballs			
Rugby Balls			
Goal posts			
Basketball hoop and basket ball			
Ball and bats			
Safety surfacing for the following areas: (all weather, bark, sand, woodchip, gravel)			
Climbing frame/platform apparatus			
Swings			
Slides			

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