

Big Wide World

Nursery (Summer)



Construction and small world

Vehicles

Provide various small world vehicles, road mats, train sets and a toy garage for the children to explore.

Animals around the world

Display various small world animals, coloured fabric, branches, pebbles, log slices and shells. Invite the children to create small world habitats for the animals. Provide large rolls of paper and felt tip pens for them to mark make as part of their play.

Beautiful buildings

Display images of buildings from around the world to inspire the children's creations. Provide plastic and wooden blocks for the children to use.



Sand and water

Roads, bridges and tunnels

Add toy cars, road signs and small world people to damp sand. Challenge the children to create roads, bridges and tunnels for the vehicles to travel under, over and through.

Oceans

Provide a selection of small world marine animals, shells and pebbles for the children to explore.



Malleable/Fine Motor

Wheels and tracks

Provide black play dough and toy vehicles with various wheel sizes and tyre treads. Encourage children to roll the vehicles on the dough to make tracks and patterns.



Investigation

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Create a Big Wide World investigation area using images of places from around the world, world maps, globes and a tablet or computer with Google Earth for the children to explore independently. Include holiday brochures and postcards and photographs of the children on their holidays.

Recycling

Display a wide variety of recyclable materials. Invite the children to explore the objects and discuss the materials out of which they are made. Label large boxes with 'plastic', 'glass', 'metal', 'paper' and 'cardboard' for the children to sort the objects.



Mathematics

Patterns

Display images that show patterns from a range of countries and cultures. Provide various transient art objects, including shells, small 2-D shapes, beads, small log slices and pebbles to inspire pattern-making.

Shape vehicles

Provide a selection of 2-D shapes and images of different forms of transport. Invite the children to create vehicle pictures using the shapes.



Reading/Writing

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Create a Big Wide World reading area decorated with flags and images of locations and people from around the world. Include maps, atlases, holiday brochures and a selection of stories, non-fiction books and poetry books on the theme of countries and cultures for the children to explore independently.

Map making

Create a map mark-making station. Display maps and aerial photographs of the local area for the children to explore. Provide paper and felt tip pens for map-making.



Outdoor

Journeys

Provide various ride on vehicles for the children to use in a large outdoor space. Provide chalk for the children to create roads and tracks to travel along. Add stop signs, traffic lights and a zebra crossing.

Looking after our world

Provide litter pickers, gardening gloves and bin bags for the children to help keep the outside area clean and tidy.

Racing

Provide a selection of remote-controlled vehicles or floor robots for the children to operate. Add cones to create a track to manoeuvre the vehicles around.



Creative

Drumming

Play clips of people drumming and provide a selection of drums for the children to explore the sounds they make.

Recycled art

Leave the recyclable materials with tape, glue, scissors, split pins, hole punches and treasury tags. Display the sign 'What will you make with the materials?' Provide a tablet or camera for children to take pictures of their upcycled models.



Role play/Communication

Let's eat

Resource the home corner with various toy food items from around the world, including food packets, pots, pans, plates, cutlery and chopsticks for the children to use in their play.

