

# Let's pretend



## Try this at home...

Make a shop using old food boxes, yoghurt pots, toys and an old purse and hand bags. Or play shop while you're putting your supermarket shopping away. Make pretend money using paper & bottle tops

Play cooking/picnics using baking trays, plastic bowls, wooden spoons, plastic cups etc

Make a tent or a boat or a car in the living room using chairs, blankets and cushions.

Let your child dress up in old hats, jackets, shoes etc and play clothes shops.



## What is your child learning?

- To use new words
- To play imaginatively
- To share equipment
- To make props
- To recall past experiences
- To pretend
- To use talk to reflect and share ideas
- To act out stories and adult actions
- To count and use measurement language
- To develop fine motor skills

# Painting



## Try this at home...

Try painting with water and large paint brushes outside

Use cheap shower curtains to cover floors/ tables

Try printing with sponges, vegetables, fruit, cardboard tubes or lids

Hand prints make brilliant homemade birthday cards or keepsakes

You can add sand, rice, glitter to the paint to change textures

Keep old yoghurt pots and empty plastic tubs to put paint in.



## What is your child learning?

- To use their senses
- To make marks
- To create
- To play imaginatively
- To share space and equipment
- To learn new words
- To use descriptive language
- To talk about size, colour & shape
- To develop fine motor skills
- To experiment
- To feel pride and satisfaction