

Small world play

Small world play in the outdoors is more realistic as children can create real habitats using natural materials. This will develop a range of skills including speech, language, imagination and social skills.

Small world creations

Resources: large trays, tyres or raised beds, small world toys, variety of natural materials, e.g. sand, compost, gravel, leaves, twigs, pebbles, clay.

Encourage children to make a small world for a figure of their choice. They can select materials, using their imagination to create a real habitat.

Have the animals got water, food and shelter in their habitat? Provide opportunities for children to introduce water to their habitat.



Who has left their egg in the playground?

Resources: something to use for an egg (e.g. polystyrene eggs from Poundland), range of natural materials.

Children find an egg in the grounds - where did it come from? How can you keep it safe until the parents return? How will you make sure that it is safe and warm? How will the egg be found when the parents return? Children might choose to make signs or a trail for them to follow.