## Development Matters - Ages and Stages (EYFS 2012)

Can play in a group extending and elaborating play ideas, e.g. building up a role-play activity with other children. (PSED 30-50)

- Keeps play going by responding to what others are saying or doing. (PSED 30-50)
- Initiates conversations, attends to and takes account of what others say. (PSED 40-60+) - Explains own knowledge and understanding, and asks appropriate questions of others. (PSED 40-60+)


## Beginning to understand 'why' and 'how' questions.(30-50)

- Uses talk to organise, sequence and clarify thinking, ideas, feelings and events. (CL 40 - Use 60+)
- Introduces a storyline or narrative into their play. (CL40-60+)

PD - May be beginning to show preference for dominant hand. .(22-36 Handles tools, objects, construction and malleable materials safely and with increasing control. (PD 40-60+)
$\mathbf{L}$ - - Knows information can be relayed in the form of print. (30-50)

- Ascribes meanings to marks that they see in different places. (30-50)
- Uses some clearly identifiable letters to communicate meaning, representing some sounds correctly and in sequence. (L40-60+)


## M-- Beginning to categorise objects

- Uses positional language.
- Shows interest in shape by sustained construction activity or by talking about shapes or arrangements.
- Uses familiar objects and common shapes to create and recreate patterns and build models. (M 40-60+)
UW-•Talks about why things happen and how things work. (UW 30-50)


## EAD-E

- Uses various construction materials. (30-50)
- Beginning to construct, stacking blocks vertically and horizontally, making enclosures and creating spaces. (30-50)
- Joins construction pieces together to build and balance. (30-50)

Understands that different media can be combined to create new effects. (40-60)
Manipulates materials to achieve a planned effect. (40-60)
Constructs with a purpose in mind, using a variety of resources. (40-60)

- Uses simple tools and techniques competently and appropriately. (40-60)
- Selects appropriate resources and adapts work where necessary. (40-60)

Selects tools and techniques needed to shape, assemble and join materials they are

## (40-60)

## Enhancements

Road maps / A-Z books, Clipboards
Hard hats, Tools - hammer, spanner, screwdriver etc
3D wooden shapes - plain/coloured
Construction kits, Equipment with a variety of fastenings, wheels, nuts, bolts e.g. Brio Mec, Meccano, Ladders, Cable spools - different sizes, Tyres, Plastic tubing, Pipes and guttering, Sanded wooden off-cuts, Material, Builder's trays, Collections of natural materials, Joining materials e.g. strong tape, ropes, Laminated photographs and posters.

## Construction



## Look, Listen and Note

How do children react to the feel of the different bricks? Who can knock down the bricks? How do they do it? Can children build one brick on top of another? Can children recognise any colours? 2D or 3D shapes? Do children share resources?
Can children join two bricks together?
Can they build a structure around themselves or as a physical boundary?
Can they talk about what they are doing as they construct?
Can they draw a plan and then use the blocks to create it?

Can they say what worked well or what they would change?
Can they work together on one project?
How do they interact with others?

## Permanent Resources

Clearly labelled storage boxes/Shelving, Pictures of buildings / vehicles
Large wooden blocks e.g. wooden town, variety of wooden bricks.
Purchased construction kits e.g. Lego, Duplo, stickle bricks, etc.
Small selection of play people, vehicles and animals Selection of natural / reclaimed materials Variety of junk materials/ joining materials

Drawing and writing materials
Posters and local / themed reference photographs, Appropriate books
Space to display finished models

## Questions or Comments to extend learning

## What are you/ shall we build?

How can you join them together?
Which box will be best for that? Why?
Is yours bigger than hers? How do you know?
Which is the tallest? How could you make it taller/ wider/longer?
Why do you think it fell over? What will you do next time?

