



HAVE FUN WITH IMAGINATION

Fun ideas for you to try at home!
There are lots of fun ways to improve
your children's coordination and movement
and spark their imaginations.



Outdoor play

Outdoor play helps children's coordination and movements.

Set up a new outdoor course each day to give your children the physical skills they need to practise. You can use boxes, furniture, garden tools and ropes to create a garden course.

Sand play

Sand play helps children learn about shapes, volumes and loads.

Create a sandpit by using a wading pool or half a tyre. There are many things your children can use to play games. Hands are their first tools. They can also use garden tools such as scoops, spades and trowels. As well toys, you can also use old kitchen tools such as plastic jugs, saucepans, kettles, funnels, sieves and cups.

Idea:

Don't forget to build a shade for the sandpit.

Dramatic play

Dramatic play helps children develop confidence, imagination and creativity. Here are some fun ideas you can create together with items from around your home. Let your children's imaginations run wild and remember the possibilities are endless!

Try making:

A dressing table

Put a frill around the legs of a chair and tie a mirror to the back.

A cubby house

Put a blanket across some chairs to make a cubby house. Sometimes the simplest ideas are the most fun!

A kitchen

Get creative with boxes. Make a stove, kitchen cabinets and insert a plastic bowl to create a sink.

A rowboat

A box and some old tennis racquets or cardboard tubes can become a rowboat.

A hairdressing salon

Add a mirror and chair for customers and use an old telephone message pad or calendar to make appointments. You can plait old stockings to make long hair, use clips, brushes, hair ties and curlers, and make some cardboard scissors.