Objects in a bag activities

Supporting reading development

There are lots of ways that you can use different objects collected in a bag. For example, children can use the objects to tell their own story, use them to tell a familiar story or they can describe the objects.

Benefits

- Using objects helps children develop concentration skills as they try to follow the story. And it helps them remember what they read themselves in order for them to make sense of a story.
- Describing objects or using them to tell a story helps children to develop their imagination and creativity.
- Developing an understanding of sequencing and story structure will support children’s understanding of reading for a purpose.
- Objects in a bag help children increase their vocabulary by knowing the names of things, feelings, concepts, and ideas. Knowing the meaning of words and connecting words to objects, events, or concepts in the world.
- Children develop narrative skills by being able to describe things and events. And by being able to tell and understand stories.

Adult role

- Give children the opportunity and resources to make up their own stories. Start by doing this in small groups of one or two children. Then allow them access to the resources to do this without adult support.
- Consider what objects might motivate the children to use the bag. Maybe use themed bags of popular characters with everyday or unusual objects.
- Identify and play with the sounds objects make or begin and end with.

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