

Road safety small world – making road signs

Have you been going out with your child/children recently to the stores, shopping mall, local parks and crossing the road? Next time you go out I would like to encourage you to look out for the road signs, street lights/traffic lights and road helpers (lollipop man/woman) with your child/children bring their attention to it, and talk with them, you may be surprised at how much they already know. As well as helping them to understand how to be safe when walking alongside and crossing roads, street signs are an important part of early literacy, realising that writing and signs are important, through recognising environmental print. We decided to share this because some of our children have been doing this in the nursery and they enjoyed it so much, therefore extending it into our various homes will help our children to bring out their imaginative play.

The next step is to discuss with your child/children how to make road signs, street lights, lollipop man/woman – can you make your own traffic lights or road signs?



The resources you will need are all in your house, things such as colour pencils, lolly sticks (ice lolly sticks), Plain white papers, pencils, child scissors, blue tack, glue stick, sellotape and PVA glue. The children will enjoy being involved in the preparation of new role play. Their ideas, suggestions adaptations will enhance the activities, so give them ownership and let them help.

Please see the links for further inspiration:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=9XWPgXfaXlk&feature=youtu.be>

<https://www.sunhatsandwellieboots.com/2012/03/diy-road-safety-signs-for-outdoor-play.html>

Role play is an important part of our children's education in Early Years Foundation Stage and beyond. It forms the basis for story telling, writing and social development. It gives opportunities for children to play out the events they observe and experience. It provides experience of real life situations in which they can practise their learning in Problem Solving, Reasoning and Numeracy, Language and Communication. It develops their creativity. And above all it is fun.