

## Ideas to suggest to parents:

- Point out house numbers and street names
- Point out different types of homes e.g. flats, semi-detached, terraced, bungalow
- Look at various features of homes, such as windows, chimneys, balconies
- Talk about the different rooms in your homes and their usage.



### Communication and Language

- Sort objects: which ones would you put in a home?
- Kim's game: things that are found in many homes
- Picture lotto: familiar objects in the home
- Role-play kitchen – children select appropriate objects to place in the kitchen
- Songs and Rhymes (*This little Puffin*):
  - *Here is a house built up high,*
  - *Slice, Slice the bread looks nice,*
  - *My little house won't stand up straight,*
  - *There are grandmother's glasses,*
  - *What does the clock in the hall say?*
  - *There's such a tiny little mouse,*
  - *Mix a pancake,*
  - *Here is a house,*
  - *With my little broom I sweep,*
  - *Build a house with 5 bricks,*
  - *This is my little house,*
  - *There was an old lady who lived in a shoe,*
  - *Five currant buns,*
  - *I'm a little teapot*
- Stories:
  - *The House that Jack Built*
  - *In my bathroom*
  - *Kitten finds a home*
  - *Percy the Park Keeper*
  - *Teddy Bear's Moving Day*

### Physical Development

- Make a home for the dinosaur in the sand or soil
- Pack boxes – pretend to move house
- Find the missing key hidden outdoors
- Which lock fits which key? Can you turn the key in the lock?
- Build tents and tunnels outside
- 'Mushroom' with the parachute

### Personal, Social and Emotional development

- Role play jobs they can do to help around the home e.g. washing up, polishing shoes, wiping tables, sorting toys
- Talk about photos of children's homes
- Talk about routines in the home
- Keeping safe at home – objects that are safe and unsafe
- Discussion about favourite places at home
- Guess where teddy's favourite place is? (Clues in description)

### Mathematics

- Which homes is the best fit for the soft toy? (use duplo, foam bricks, wooden blocks)
- Order keys by size. Look at shape of keys
- Sort dolls house furniture into appropriate rooms
- Match pieces of wallpaper
- How many keys are in the bag?
- Look at the shapes in buildings in the local community
- Put house numbers in order
- Count the rooms on a house floor plan.

# HOMES

### Expressive Arts and Design

- Make an indoor den
- Paint a picture of your house
- Make your own wallpaper designs
- Make a picture for your bedroom
- Junk model housing
- Cooking: jam tarts, cheese scones, chocolate bird nests
- Make a house collage from 2D shapes
- Thread a necklace or bracelet
- Marble painting
- 3D collage of different sized buildings
- Make a clay house
- Small world play: Dolls house
- Role play: Estate Agents, Kitchen

### Literacy

- Write a name for a house
- 'Write' an address on an envelope
- Look at books where the setting is a home, e.g. Goldilocks
- Look at non-fiction books and name features of a house

### Understanding the World

- Lifecycle of a butterfly – watch caterpillars turn into butterflies
- Look at photographs of children playing with certain toys or doing activities at home which of those things do you do at home?
- Can you see any homes belonging to spiders, birds or other creatures?
- Make a home for a teddy/ puppet
- Look at photos of homes – are the homes new or old?
- What type of doors do homes have?
- Look at a real bird's nest
- Walk around the area – look at different styles of houses
- Make a map to show your journey from home to The Ark – what landmarks do you see?
- Look at homes from other cultures