

Ideas to suggest to parents:

- Show your child some of the toys you had as children
- Encourage your child to tidy away and sort out toys at home
- Help your child to wash and look after toys at home
- Read books to your child about toys e.g. *Old Bear*, *Spot's Toy Box*



Personal, Social and Emotional development

- Teddy's favourite toy (special toys)
- Looking after toys at The Ark – sorting, tidying and washing
- Bring and Buy sale – donate unwanted toys
- Share some of our toys – our own toy library
- Show your favourite toy to a friend – why do you like it?
- Story: *Dogger*

Communication and Language

- Role-Play area: Toy Shop
- I am thinking of a toy – can you work out which one?
- Kim's game – which toy have I taken?
- What toy is in the feely bag?

Physical Development

- Play with wind-up toys
- Push and pull toys
- Treasure hunt – can you find the missing toys?
- Printing in the dough with cars
- Parachute games with toys

Expressive Arts and Design

- Make items for the doll's house
- Make a 'Jack-in-the-box' picture
- Draw/ paint a favourite toy
- Make your own toy box
- Small world play – doll's house
- Move to the music – robots, teddies, wind-up toys
- Make up some songs for teddy

TOYS

Mathematics

- Help teddy fit his toys into a box
- Find toys that are larger than your hand
- Which toys are the heaviest/ lightest?
- Which car will roll the furthest?
- How many toys will fit in this box?
- What does this toy balance with?
- Count toys – how many on the tray?

Understanding the World

- Can you make the toy work?
- Sort toys – which ones make music?
- What are these toys made of – are they soft, hard?
- Remote-controlled toys – what can you make them do?
- Design and make a game
- Old toys and new toys
- Display of our favourite toys

Literacy

- Children help label boxes for toys
- Interest table: toys that begin with a given letter