



#### INDOOR TOYS & GAMES 0-3 YRS



#### **SOUND DETECTIVES**

Sound Detectives is a fun sound game for children aged 3-6 years old. Designed to be played with or without the free Orchard Toys app, Sound Detectives encourages sound recognition and matching and memory skills. Every time a player correctly identifies a sound, they move one step closer to catching their sneaky thief! "We absolutely loved this game – it was so much fun! Easy to explain and play – the app was easy to download too. The sounds were all clear, so the children were able to recognise them. Eager to play again! A fabulous game and would recommend."

Orchard Toys £10.25 www.orchardtoys.com



#### 1 2 3 ZOO

A great toy for developing toddlers, the 1.2.3 Zoo consists of a large rock combined with two separate enclosures which features five animals; two monkeys, two penguins and a bird. The bright colours and rounded shapes help to stimulate the imagination while the small details promote creativity. Plus, the larger pieces make it easier for little fingers to hold. "Our kids loved playing with this. The pieces are ideal for small hands and quite robust. The set helps to encourage learning and co-ordination through play and to develop fine motor skills. Would recommend this set alongside other zoo sets to extend/prolong play!"

Playmobil £34.99 www.playmobil.co.uk

#### INDOOR TOYS & GAMES 4-7 YRS



#### PEPPA PIG MUDDY PUDDLE GAME

Hop, hop and off we go! Can you help George jump over the muddy puddles and make it to the top of the hill? Who will be the first to reach Peppa Pig? Speed ahead with the help of Peppa's friends who will boost you one, two or even three puddles ahead. But watch out for the deep puddles! Good luck in this exciting race! "The children loved this unique game, which kept them engaged. Was popular with 3 & 4 year olds and particularly with a 3 year old on the autistic spectrum, with repetitive play." Ravensburger £19.99 www.ravensburger.co.uk



#### **ELLI SMILES**

Elli Smiles from Zapf Creation is a new, interactive doll and play partner like no other, who builds a real connection to her doll parents and can recognise her 'mummy' or 'daddy' with a huge smile when they wear their interactive Elli Smiles sunshine necklace. Elli also has 15+ other real baby functions, including wetting her nappy and sucking her dummy. "Elli fascinated our 18-month old, who played with her for hours, and engaged girls up to 9 years, especially the pliable facial skin and life-like expressions. The children particularly enjoyed the potty function! Some adult help required with younger ones for the dummy/bottle functions and setting up the 'mama' necklace."

Zapf Creation £79.99 www.smythstoys.com www.thetoyshop.com



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#### INDOOR TOYS & GAMES 8-11 YRS



#### RUBIK'S CAGE

Rubik's Cage is a brain-bending, mind-twisting strategy game, where the aim is to get 3 cubies in a row to win! Take turns to place a Cubie into the Cage, or you can twist one of the Cage's layers. Turn the game on its head by flipping the Cage!"Very keen to play this. Took a while to understand the instructions, but now played with regularly. One child with SEN loved this and played with it again and again. Cannot fault it!"

John Adams Leisure Ltd £19.99 www.johnadams.co.uk



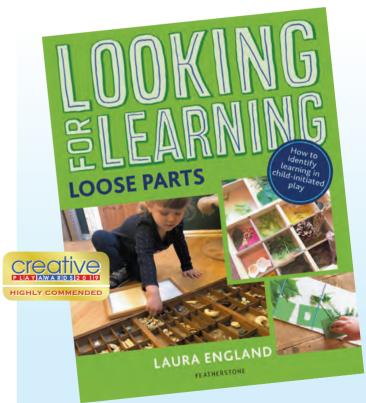
Get ready to test your knowledge and your mental skills! Roll the dice and be the first player to match each theme to a word which starts with the letters you're given! Be focused: you can't match two dice of the same colour! "The children and adults really enjoyed this game. They all got the hang of it very quickly and it is as challenging as you want it to be. Excellent for helping build a diverse vocabulary."

Asmodee UK £10.99 www.amazon.co.uk



were very enchanting. The children loved it! Great for open-ended play and encouraged lots of stories around the characters. Better

for children 18 months +." 8th Wonder £17.99 www.amazon.co.uk



#### **LOOKING FOR LEARNING: LOOSE PARTS**

Looking for Learning: Loose Parts is a full-colour, practical guide linked to current policy and the EYFS framework. Laura England, creator of Little Miss Early Years, uses theory, case studies, reallife images and accessible ideas to inspire child-led learning using loose parts including tinker trays filled with nuts and bolts, pompoms and play dough to combine, construct and explore with. "Great ideas in this book. Gave lots of helpful information very enjoyable. Thoroughly enjoyed this and gave no end of originality."

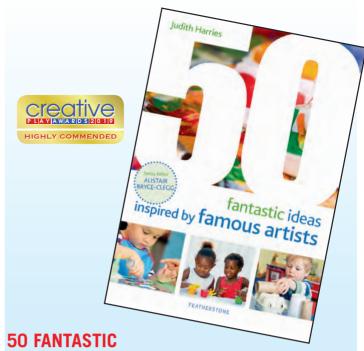
Bloomsbury £12.99 www.bloomsbury.com

#### **TEACHING RESOURCES 4-7 YRS**



#### **KAPLA EDUCATION SET**

KAPLA is a unique construction game, made of single-sized pieces of sustainable pine wood. Planks are simply balanced to create all types of structures, providing hours of creative fun for the whole family. KAPLA® has countless educational applications, develops soft skills and makes a great STEM toy! "All our children enjoyed playing and building with the KAPLA blocks, making structures. Younger children required more supervision, but older children were able to build the suggested structures in the supplied books. Overall a great product!" KAPLA £199.00 www.kapla.com



### IDEAS INSPIRED BY FAMOUS ARTISTS

50 Fantastic Ideas Inspired by Famous Artists uses readily available online sources to explore how famous artists and art, including pop and street art, sculpture and portraiture, can be a source of inspiration in the Early Years. With interactive activities involving paints, clay and natural resources like leaves and flowers, children can develop their expressive art and design skills and have fun at the same time! "This is a lovely, unique book with clear instructions. More appropriate for children 5 years+, as then able to discuss the artists and encourage independent activities."

Bloomsbury Education UK £10.99 www.bloomsbury.com



#### **TEACHING RESOURCES 8-11**



#### **HUE ANIMATION STUDIO**

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Ascent Information Technology Ltd £49.95 www.huehd.com/shop/hue-animation-studio



#### LET'S PERFORM!

From 'They're Digging up my School Today' to 'The Giant African Land Snail's Rap', this book is full of brilliant, photocopiable scripts and poems to get children aged 7 to 11 confidently rhyming, moving and imagining. Let's Perform! offers fresh, fun material from Cath Howe, an experienced drama practitioner, for literacy lessons, drama classes, assemblies, after school and drama clubs. "Great resource to help fulfil national curriculum requirements for speaking/listening and reading skills. Useful for a range of KS2 lessons and to use for outdoor learning or

structured drama sessions."

Bloomsbury Education £24.99 www.bloomsbury.com

#### OUTDOOR TOYS & GAMES 4-7 YRS



#### **CONSTRUCTA DEN**

This versatile and fun set will allow children to build a variety of hideaways such as dens, bird hides, houses, shelters, boats and garages. It is a great set for encouraging role and pretend play. The pieces are designed so that it is easy for young children to join them together. The set can be used indoors or outdoors. All the pieces are made from durable plastic supplied in bright colours. This 76 piece set includes 18 large connectors, 18 beams, 24 straight connectors and 16 flexi connectors. "Constructa Den has proven to be a useful addition to our nursery, engaging the children and provoking thought throughout the seven areas of learning. It has been made a constantly available resource and used outside as a shelter and a boat. The children loved this product."



#### 5-IN-1 OUTDOOR MEASURE MATE

Discover the mighty 5-in-1 Outdoor Measure-Mate<sup>TM</sup>! Learn, explore and experiment with measurements in a new and exciting way. Features up to five different tools, including vertical measure, callipers, a trundle wheel, spirit level and measuring stick. "The children enjoyed playing with this and exploring different methods of making measurements. Could be more robust."

Learning Resources UK £32.00 www.learningresources.co.uk

#### **BOYS CRAFT KITS 4-7**



## MILLY & FLYNN PUZZLE & GROW BUILD YOUR OWN 3D TREEHOUSE & GARDEN PUZZLE KIT

These 3D puzzles are perfect for little gardeners. Using the assembly tool, push out the puzzle pieces and build your own 3D Tree-house. Next, plant your seeds and watch your garden grow! Don't forget to jot down notes in your Puzzle & Grow Diary either! This way you can keep track of what you have done and what you can see! Perfect size for windowsills.

"The children enjoyed making the treehouse, with some help as quite small parts, but they could follow the instructions easily. The plant started to grow the next day, so they were very excited. A fabulous idea to get the children interested in the world around us and how things grow. Could be a bit bigger for inclusion in a fairy garden." Hacche Retail £12.99 www.hacche.co.uk



"Requires adult supervision with younger (5yr olds) children, but they could soon use it on their own and they enjoyed the bright colours and the end product, although uncertain what to do with their creations! Better instructions required."

Zoinks £19.99 www.thetoyshop.com

# There's More to Books than Reading - How to help your child bring stories to life.

Children learn more when they are excited.

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stories as a tool for learning in all

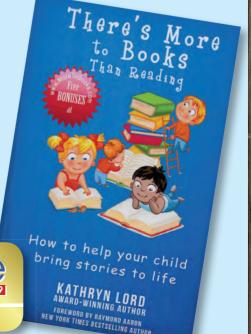
areas of the EYFS curriculum.

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radio/television personalities and inspirational quotes,

More to Books brings learning to life.

Available from www.moretobooks.com and Amazon.
Regular updates on www.moretobooks.blog







#### FAB DAB DO

Available in 8 loveable themes: Llama, Flamingos, Dragons, Mermaids, Orangutan, Turtle, Robot and Unicorn. The box design is printed so it can be coloured in, great for concentration and wellbeing. It contains a notebook to develop ideas and stories around the characters, a T-shirt, themed stencils, tape, detail pen and unique fabric paint dabbers. The dabbers have been specially developed to make stencilling as easy and mess-free as possible. "This product was really enjoyed by our children and encouraged lots of conversation. Very proud of the end product! Packaging could be made more attractive to children and additional items, such as fabric glue and embellishments would improve value for money."

Splatter Make £24.00 www.splattermake.co.uk



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Ascent Information Technology Ltd £49.95 www.huehd.com/shop/hue-animation-studio

#### ELECTRONIC & MULTIMEDIA 0-3 YRS

#### **COUNT WITH PEPPA**

Trends UK's pre-school Electronic Learning Toys teach young fans new skills whilst having fun. Offering a unique and engaging play pattern, Count With Peppa will enable kids to have fun with the 10 colourful play coins and learn about numbers and colours. Give the coins to Peppa and she

will count and respond. Retrieve them from the purse on her tummy and the fun starts over again "Good fun – very popular! My boy – a massive Peppa fan – loved the colours.



numbers & coins and loved being able to push the buttons to change the songs. Adult supervision required for the under 3's and the purse could be temperamental, but would definitely buy this."

Trends UK £19.99 www.trendsuk.com

#### **ELECTRONIC & MULTIMEDIA 4-7 YRS**

#### KIDICOM ADVANCE

Using Wi-Fi children can exchange messages with family and friends through the KidiConnect app. Take photos and videos, browse the internet, listen to music and watch shows! Includes built-in games, Snapchat like filters and effects & augmented reality monster catching game! Connect to VTech's Learning Lodge to download lots of apps, games & more! "This product has a lot of features and our son really enjoyed playing with it, especially the camera which is brilliant and he enjoyed being able to 'enhance' his pictures with the filters. The parent



area is great, as it allows certain features to be restricted and time limits applied. Good first tablet for younger kids – a nice size for small hands and robust, although a bit too expensive." Vtech Electronics £119.99 www.vtech.co.uk

#### CODING CRITTERS

Meet the Coding Critters, the preschool coding toys. Help the Coding Critters on their coding storybook adventures, as you code them to play fetch, hide and seek and more in their fun pet playset! You can even design your own challenges! Using simple buttons sized for little hands, pre-schoolers learn



early STEM coding concepts through 100% screen-free coding challenges! These pets are ready to code right out of the box. "Really easy for the children to use and they enjoyed it being a dinosaur. They also liked the story element and guessing how to get the critter to move to complete the story. It would be great to have other stories available to use with the critter to keep it exciting.".

Learning Resources UK £32.00 www.learningresources.co.uk



# **MENTAL AGILITY WITH THIS AWARD-WINNING GAME!**

Be the first player to match each theme to a word which starts with one of the letters you've rolled! Think quickly and shout out an answer that fits what the dice say to get ahead!





#### SEN TOYS & RESOURCES 0-3 YRS



#### **BABY PLAY TOWN**

My first city discoveries. Assemble this smiley city then have fun learning all about it! Did you know there's a room specially for doing science at school? And that there's a cat hiding in a bush in the park? Learning about the city and wider world; Recognising places in community; Identifying roles and jobs; Developing a civic conscience. Montessori method; Self-correcting attachments. "Lovely inviting illustrations to entice children to describe what they see. The puzzle game with hidden pictures encouraged discussion, prompting recall of actual experiences. The little finger holes make pushing out the pieces easy and they stay in place, although pieces could be more robust." Headu srl £15.00 www.headu.com/en

#### SEN TOYS & RESOURCES 4-7 YRS



#### CO-OPERATIVE STORYTELLING GAME

Talking together and telling stories. Are you ready for your first co-operative storytelling game? Spin the spinner, pick up a token and set out on an exciting adventure! This exciting team game provides opportunities galore to remember, make up and tell stories to your friends! "Helped children understand that stories have a beginning, middle and end. Older children had lots of fun and concentrated without knowing how much they were learning. Better for older children – four year olds lost attention.

Packaging a bit basic." Headu srl £15.00 www.headu.com/en



#### MR TUMBLE LEARNING PAD

Mr Tumble Learning Pad includes 6 activities to play, with a touch sensitive screen and interactive guiz mode. Let your child learn with Mr Tumble and Friends. Press a picture/image on the tablet to hear fun sounds and facts. Includes six games to encourage learning about colours, numbers, shapes, letters, characters and musical instruments. The touch sensitive screen makes exploration fun and easy to follow. Helps with early colour, number and letter recognition, builds communication skills & encourages listening and attention. "This was enjoyable for both children and adults. Easy to turn on and navigate, it's fun and children required little adult support. The Makaton displayed for the numbers and abc items was useful – additional Makaton signs would have been even better. Robust with a bumper edge, but the On/Off switch was very sensitive." Trends UK £17.99 www.trendsuk.com

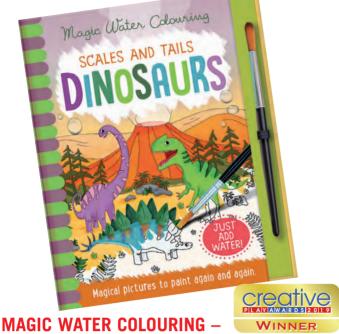
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#### MAGIC WATER COLOURING -SCALES & TAILS DINOSAURS

Magic pictures you can colour again and again! Vibrant, colourful images of dinosaurs are waiting to be discovered. Simply paint with water, leave to dry, then paint again! With lots of fun dino facts included, plus more pictures to colour with pencils or crayons. "The children really enjoyed this colouring system and kept them entertained for some time. They were excited when they saw the pages change colour as they brushed water on. Good quality and no mess to clean up!"

Imagine That £7.99 www.amazon.co.uk



Our new Classmates Paint Sticks are clean and compact and work just like glue sticks. The washable 10g sticks are quick drying and don't require brushes - simply use the sticks directly on any surface to create endless applications. Supplied in a pack of 12 or 144 in 12 assorted colours and suitable for outdoor use. "These paint sticks are easy to use, even for under 3s, although they needed help winding them. Cleaned up quickly off table and hands, so less messy than traditional paint. Nice bright colours with good coverage."

Hope Education £3.99 (12 pack), £39.99 (144 pack) www.hope-education.co.uk

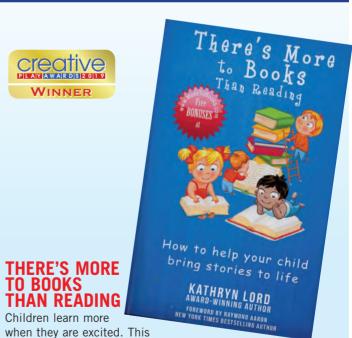


#### PLASTICINE MOVIE MAKER STUDIO

Make your own clay-motion videos! This all-in-one studio comes with everything you need to bring Plasticine characters to life in a stop-motion movie. Download the free easy-to-use app, prop your characters on the included background and you are ready for action! "The children were excited to explore this and, with the app easily downloaded, they began to create. Movies were created and enjoyed with their peers. Great for creativity, imagination and use of technology as an individual or as a group. Could do with more plasticine, but this is easily sourced."

Flair plc £9.99 www.amazon.co.uk





book shows you how to use children's stories as a tool for learning in all areas of the EYFS curriculum. With quotes from children's authors and radio/television personalities and inspirational quotes, More to Books brings learning to life. "An original book, very informative, quotes were interesting and fun. Practical size, very topical, well written and easy to read. I would recommend this to families – it is a helpful tool for understanding the extent reading books encompass all areas of the EYFS"

More to Books £11.99 www.moretobooks.com

#### **BOOKS - CHILDREN**





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"A wider age range of children enjoyed looking through this book, stimulating conversation, discussion and ideas used in play afterwards. A very much talked about book."

Nosy Crow £14.99 www.nosycrow.com



#### SAVE THE DAY FOR ADA MAY!

Written with child participation in mind, 'Save the Day for Ada May' is a book with a (very fun) difference. Children are invited to tip, twist, tilt, blow and shake the book to be a hero and save the day in this unique, immersive and action-packed story that places readers in control of the action.

"Loved the book and the interaction. Read this in a small group and the children all enjoyed tipping, shaking and tapping the book. The repeated refrain meant it was easy to join in and the children were quick to pick up the concept"

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Smyths Toys £12.99 www.smythstoys.com



#### **FUZZI STREET FROM FUZZIKINS**

The Fuzzi Street range features adorable cardboard shops with cute animal characters and accessories to occupy them. All customisable with three pens and stickers. With three sets to collect, the award-winning Fuzzikins sets are ideal for creative kids. Fuzzikins are adorable fuzzy animals to colour and play. The craft sets offer hours of fun customising the Fuzzikins and their world! Wash them and you can colour them again with a new look! "The two girls (aged 6) were very excited and, although adult help was required to help build the house, they played with this all afternoon. A few more coloured felt pens would be useful. Liked the practice templates and rosettes and vey impressed how easily the bunnies cleaned off with soap & water for use again."

Interplay UK £9.99 www.interplayuk.com



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Ascent Information Technology Ltd £49.95 www.huehd.com/shop/hue-animation-studio



#### COOL MAKER GO GLAM NAIL STAMPER

Cool Maker Go Glam Nail Stamper is the ultimate at-home nail kit to easily stamp and style custom manicures in minutes! With 5 patterns and unique nail polish colours to choose from, kids can mix and match to decorate 125 nails of any size.

The revolutionary nail polish formula is completely non-toxic and kid-safe. "This was the favourite with our 9-11 year old girl testers. Great fun and encouraged them to be creative – very user friendly and easy to use. Good quality contents, although perhaps a bit pricey!"

Spin Master £24.99 www.spinmaster.com

#### **IMAGINATIVE ROLE PLAY 0-3 YRS**



#### **SMART SIZZLING BBQ & GRILL**

Little grill masters sizzle up eight play foods with a smart skewer that identifies food, numbers & colours to keep learning on the menu with the Smart Sizzling BBQ Grill. "This is a wonderful toy that encourages and stimulates imaginative play. Sturdy and well designed - knobs and accessories are colourful and perfectly sized for small hands, the musical setting adds to child's enjoyment. The play is enhanced by the learning mode and enhances PSE, creative thinking, maths, & STEM areas of the EYFS."

LeapFrog £49.99 www.leapfrog.co.uk



#### SPORTY & FRIENDS VISIT SHIMMER ISLAND

Sporty and Friends encourage activity and physical development in the early years. Sporty & Friends visit the castle on Shimmer Island to see the fabulous jewels. To get there they drive, fly, creep, skip, wriggle, hop, jump, climb - and have 'jelly legs' - then make different body shapes. The story is told through a beautifully illustrated A3 picture book and accompanying music CD. "We had fun working together - the children copied my actions - but feel we could have achieved more with better instructions and some props would be useful."

Val Sabin Publications £25.99 www.valsabinpublications.com



The iconic Baby Annabell doll has had a complete re-fresh, with brand new romper, bib and dummy, predictable play pattern and four additional functions. Just like a real baby, the dolls suck on their dummies and drink from their bottle, they burp, fall asleep. cry real tears and even giggle. "A well-made doll that is easy to use. The children liked all the different functions and played happily without need for adult supervision. A carry bag for the baby's accessories would be a useful addition."

Zapf Creation UK £59.99 www.baby-annabell.com/en



#### FACE PAINTOOS PARTY PACK

Face Paintoos transform the magic of 'face painting' into a fun and easy activity for everyone. With Face Paintoos, it is simple to achieve great results every time! No artistic skills required! Face Paintoos don't smudge, they are quick and easy to apply and remove. Face Paintoos Party Pack comes with 20 tattoos, including wild animals, magical creatures and cutest pets! Perfect for parties, playdates, school fetes or for everyday fun! Removal wipes, applicator sponge and instructions included. "We enjoyed these colourful tattoos and they look really good when done - the children enjoyed the end results. Some of the paintoos were tricky to apply, especially around the mouth, and the edges lifted, but they were easy to remove and plenty of wipes provided!"

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