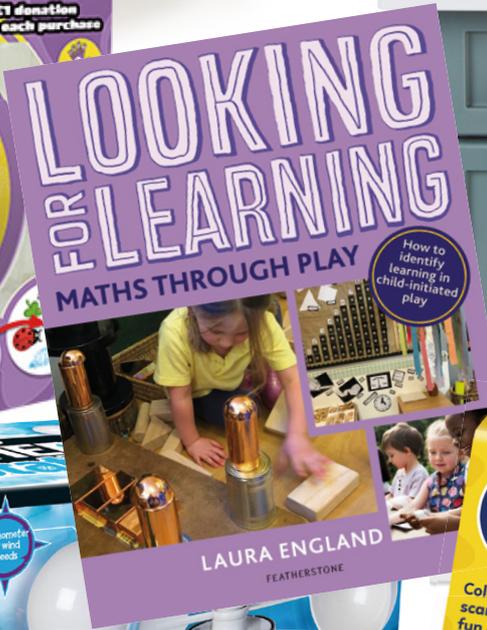


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BOOKS 0-5 YRS



NATIONAL TRUST: LOOK WHAT I FOUND AT THE SEASIDE

Discover a world of wonder on a seaside stroll with this beautiful picture book from the National Trust.

Packed full of fascinating facts alongside a gentle rhyming narrative and encouraging children to get outside and explore their surroundings, this is a nature treasure hunt series for the whole family to enjoy. "Our pre-schoolers really enjoyed this book, searching for images and discussing what they had seen on their own beach trips. Very informative and suitable for older children too."

Nosy Crow £6.99 www.nosycrow.com



MAKE TRACKS: BUILDING SITE

Learn vehicle vocabulary with simple first words, clear diagrams and helpful text prompts to encourage discussion. Then trace 5 types of transport around 5 different tracks with a moving counter on every spread and the cover. The perfect book for children who love diggers and dump trucks – and being in the driving seat! "This was very popular. It is interactive and our children with special educational needs seemed particularly interested in the book. The book is durable and the main draw is the moveability of the trucks."

26 Nosy Crow £9.99 www.nosycrow.com

BOOKS 6 + YRS

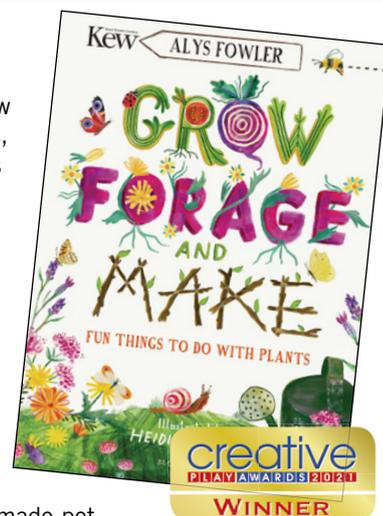
KEW: GROW, FORAGE & MAKE

With over 30 fun, easy to follow and rewarding growing projects, foraging activities, experiments and arts and crafts activities, you'll never be bored again!

From growing your own air plants to foraging for edible flowers, gardener, TV presenter and forager Alys Fowler will take you through a range of indoor and outdoor activities that are sure to ignite a lifelong passion for plants!

You don't need a garden or any fancy equipment - a homemade pot and watering can, seeds from the kitchen cupboard and a sunny windowsill will do. With Alys's expert guidance you can grow your own avocado tree, make wildflower seed paper, forage for tasty roots to add to your favourite recipes and even grow neon pink beetroot in the dark! Welcome to the wonderful world of plants - what will you discover? "The children really enjoyed looking through this book. We have done several of the activities, with the children able to follow the clear instructions and enjoyed the projects. They were also keen for us to plan further activities from the book for the coming half term."

Bloomsbury Publishing £9.99 www.bloomsbury.com



BOYS CRAFT KITS 8-11



IDO3D ULTRA: 4 PEN ACTIVITY SET

Using IDO3D Ultra pens, kids can create amazing 3D art! IDO3D Ultra offers three ways to create with every pack:

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 3. Use the IDO3D pens to create freestyle drawings in the air
- The are three themed IDO3D Ultra: 4 Pen Activity Sets to collect: Outer Space, Cute Creations, Butterflies and Fairies "This was very addictive to use, although took some practice to get the technique right. Quick to set up and use and stored in its box, with care required. Definitely aimed at older children who can work with pens with minimal supervision. Clearer instructions would be useful, but a great toy for imaginative minds."

GP Flair £21.99 www.smythstoys.com

**NADIYA –
BAKE ME
A STORY
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The Bake Me A Story range is specifically designed to make cooking and baking accessible to children. An exciting new product range called 'Bake me a Story' which contains a range of baking and cooking sets with smaller tools perfect for smaller hands. These sets invite little ones to get creative with their cooking and baking skills, bringing the whole family into the kitchen. Each set even has a selection of easy to follow recipe cards created by Nadiya which make tasty creations that the whole family can enjoy. "What a fabulous product! The utensils are great quality and functional – value for money, durable and safe to use. Loved that each set has an apron (cotton would be even better) and recipe cards. Overall a great set of children's cooking equipment that we would highly recommend."

Wilton Bradley £13.45 - £19.46 www.wiltonbradley.com



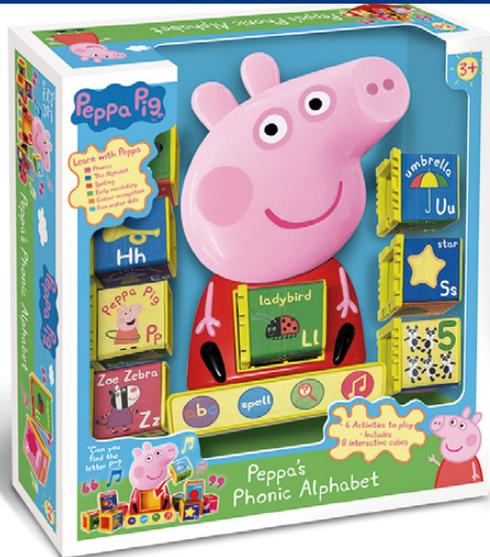
AQUABEADS ENCHANTED WORLD

Inspire creativity with Aquabeads Enchanted World, the original 'stick with water' arts and crafts bead activity toy. Spray your creations with water and watch the beads magically stick together. Aquabeads is a fun and safe product for children to enjoy hours of creative fun! "A lot of product for the money and a useful storage box provided. A good fine motor skills and colour recognition activity that kept the children concentrating. Adult supervision required, especially with 4-year-olds, as quite fiddly. Some of the creations came apart."

EPOCH Making Toys £19.99 www.aquabeads.co.uk

The advertisement for HUE Animation Studio features a festive winter background with snowflakes and evergreen trees. A girl in a pink shirt and blue checkered shorts is holding a red balloon. In the center, a green camera on a stand is wearing a Santa hat. To the left, a banana character has a smiling mouth. A snowman and two LEGO minifigures (one in a black suit) are also present. The text 'MAKE YOUR OWN MOVIES!' is in a speech bubble. The Amazon logo is in the top right. The product box is labeled 'HUE ANIMATION STUDIO' and 'The complete stop motion animation kit'. A CD/DVD case is also shown with the text 'HUE BOOK OF ANIMATION' and 'HUE ANIMATION STUDIO'. The bottom of the ad has a green banner with the text 'HUE Animation Studio only £49.95 huehd.com'.

ELECTRONIC & MULTIMEDIA 4-7 YRS



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PEPPA'S PHONIC ALPHABET

Peppa's Phonic Alphabet helps develop a basic knowledge of letters, numbers and colours, as well as providing an early introduction to phonics and spelling.

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Peppa asks the child to find the cube with the correct answer to the question, and to insert this into the front of Peppa's dress to spell out 3-letter words. Plays 2 songs. *"Children had fun listening to Peppa talk and sing and searching for the correct letters. More positive reinforcement from Peppa, rather than the supervising adult, for a correct letter would have made this even better. Blocks were safe to use and the storage bag provided a handy addition. Helped develop an early intro to phonic sounds, although better sound quality and longer time to select the correct letter/cube would be useful."*

Trends UK Ltd £20.99 www.trendsuk.co.uk

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MI-MIC MINI DISCO CUBE SPEAKER

The Mi-Mic Bluetooth karaoke speaker can play any song direct from your device. Kids can put their favourite tune on, sing along and get extra creative by adding an echo effect and distortions to their vocals.

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The mic also features volume controls so you can make the track as loud or quiet as required. Turn up to full volume to use as a conventional Bluetooth speaker or lower the volume and let your Adele impression take centre stage. Up to three hours of fun from one charge! *"The girls had hours of fun with this! Easily their favourite product tested. Great value for money, portable, easy to store and appeals to a wide age range. Love this!"*

Wilton Bradley £24.00 www.wiltonbradley.com

OUTDOOR TOYS & GAMES 4-7 YRS



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LITTLE TIKES T-REX TRUCK

The all-new T-Rex Truck is the all-new ride-on that kids are sure to love. The T-Rex Truck transitions from a kid-powered, foot-to-floor ride-on to a parent pull or push wagon. Kids will love pretending to be park rangers in the all-new T-Rex Truck by Little Tikes®! *"Absolutely perfect for our dinosaur loving three year old who loves it. Instructions to build were quite complex – colour coding the parts would be beneficial. Once assembled, this is quite large, so perfect for outdoor play. A foot rest would be useful for when the child is being pushed along, but they enjoyed propelling themselves along too."*

28 Little Tikes £109.99 www.littletikes.co.uk/t-rex-truck

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HUE ANIMATION STUDIO

Remember made-up plays and puppet shows? HUE Animation Studio combines imagination, creativity and excitement with movie-making technology to create family memories forever. Recommended by child development expert Dr. Amanda Gummer, the kit includes a HUE HD camera, a 64-page book, HUE Animation software and downloadable activities.

"Definitely recommend this product. Easy to set up and use, with great results! Used this as a group activity and the children were all really engaged and able to be creative, working together. They were enthused to explore alternative options, adding sound to the finished movie."

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Ravensburger £9.99 www.amazon.co.uk



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Children will have great fun with Build Your Own's new Mini Builds Ladybird kit. This fascinating mini beast is beautifully bold with its bright red wings and contrasting black spots. And the pull-tab rotating wing cases perfectly capture a ladybird's flight movement. Easy to assemble using slot-together techniques – there's no glue, no mess, no fuss. Everything you need is provided in the kit – simply follow the instructions: press out the pre-cut parts, build and play!

Made using 100% sustainable cardboard and paper, the Build Your Own Ladybird is not only fun and engaging to play with, but also eco-friendly. With 27 press-out parts and an estimated build time of 20 minutes, it's set at a skill level of 2 stars out of 5. "A great little kit and very well designed. The model is very sturdy when completed. Fun to build, value for money and would make a good present or gift. Nice fact sheet makes this a good educational toy, although possibly suited at older than 8 years, as some of the instructions proved tricky."

Build Your Own Kits £9.99 www.buildyourownkits.com

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EARLY LEARNING CENTRE - MY LITTLE MEDICAL CASE

Allowing children to explore their imagination and enjoy on-the-go pretend play, they'll love acting like a doctor or nurse with the My Little Medical Case from ELC. Perfect for budding physicians, this colourful FSC-wooden set comes in a handy fabric carry case and includes all the accessories your little one needs to give their patients a check-up. *"The children all loved this set! Hours of open-ended role play, with imagination and language stimulation. Robust, wooden instruments and a handy carry case to easily store the set. The children enjoyed using the bandages on their dolls. Best medical case set we've had."*

Addo Play £17.00 www.elc.co.uk



ROOTS OF FANTASTICAL MATTERS

Explore the secret archives of a fantastically magical world, with this first-of-its-kind, personalised, year-round, activity-based 'subscription' service. Each mysterious delivery encourages children to read, while supporting their autonomous STEAM learning with hidden challenges that inspire creativity, discovery and imagination. Printed on eco-friendly paper in six-month bundles for reduced environmental impact. *"Fun and engaging storyline which kept the children's interest and they wanted to do the activities straight away. The detail in the resources was very imaginative and helped to draw in the children with the belief aspect, even a 'reluctant' believer! Activities are suitable and easy to resource yourself, storage is great and it looks fab! I like the idea of the monthly newsletters and activities giving the children something to look forward to."*

International Elf Service £78.00 www.internationalelfservice.com



MY FIRST BATHROOM SINK

Kids can pretend to get ready in the morning just like their parents with the super realistic Little Tikes My First Bathroom Sink. The electric pump makes the water run, so kids can pretend to wash their hands and brush their teeth. *"The kids of various ages enjoyed playing with this. The taps work with just a small amount of water – which needs to be emptied each time (easy enough to do). Well made, as expected from Little Tikes, although perhaps a little expensive."*

Little Tikes £59.99 www.smythstoy.com

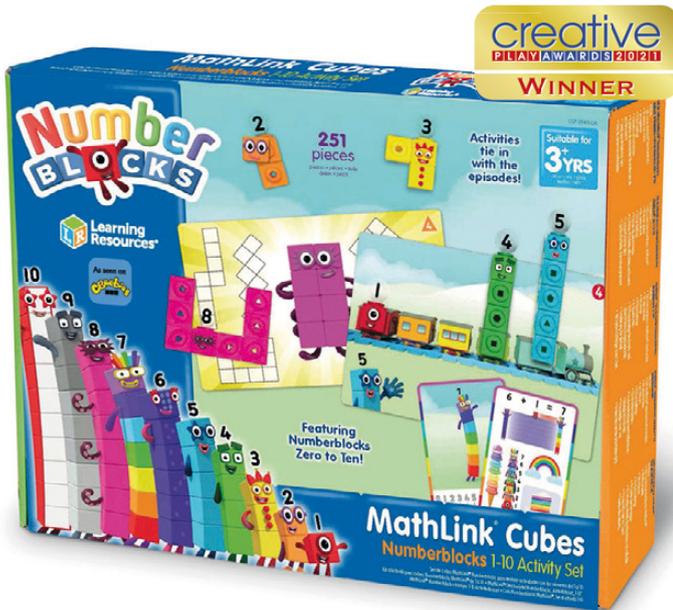


MIRRORED MAGNETIC POLYDRON

Introduce children to the power of reflection and geometry with our sleek Mirrored Magnetic Polydron. Children develop key mathematical and personal development skills whilst learning through play.

Immerse into a sensory play environment to add a whole new dimension to classroom learning and inspire children's imagination, encourage language skills and motivate fine motor development. *"Our 4-year-old enjoyed exploring the shapes and creative options, although did require some support and supervision. The toy was safe to use, and the magnetic connections worked well. Minimal packaging is good, but a cotton bag to store the pieces would be useful. Possibly a little pricey"*

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Learning Resources £20.00 www.learningresources.co.uk



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Zygomatic £12.99 www.smythstoys.com



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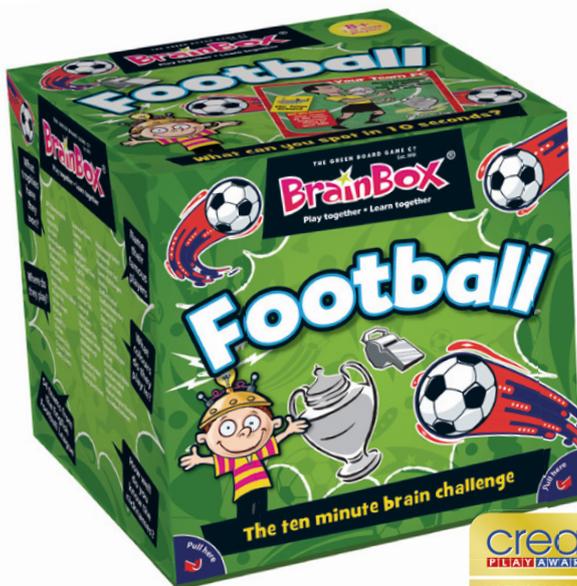
“Children really enjoyed this product. Especially the magnetic element of making them attract or repel each other. Very well made and the storage boxes make packing away and keeping track of the bearings easy. Enjoyed and played with repeatedly – will definitely be adding to the set and have recommended to others.”
 Geomagworld £34.00 www.coolshop.co.uk



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Prepare for some roar-some, squishy fun with this Dinosaur Adventure set from Nick Jr. Ready Steady Dough. Little dino-lovers are sure to enjoy making their very own dinosaur beasts as they squish, squash, squeeze and mould the dough using included moulds to get started or coming up with their own prehistoric creations. *“Enjoyed playing with this, particularly making the 3D dinosaur models that can stand up and be played with. Good packaging and clear instructions, although children could play with minimal supervision. Really captured the imagination of our 4 year old.”*

Addo Play £14.00 www.thetoystore.com



BRAINBOX FOOTBALL

Do you know how many goals George Best scored for Manchester United? Or the name of Newcastle United's ground? Take a kickabout through the English football leagues, passing out the best facts and figures about your favourite teams and legacies, and then a few more. The 10-minute brain challenge kicks off!

“Our boys really enjoyed this game. You don't need to know a lot about football to be able to play the game, but it teaches you facts as you play. A fun quick game, easily put away. Would definitely recommend.”

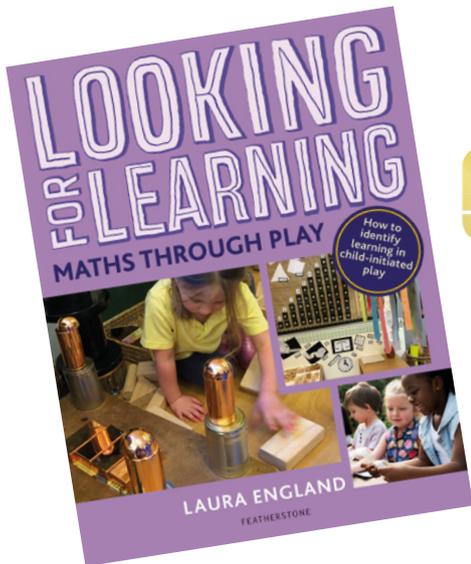
34 Green Board Games £12.00 www.amazon.co.uk



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Spin Master £19.99 www.smythstoy.com



LOOKING FOR LEARNING: MATHS THROUGH PLAY

Looking for Learning: Maths through Play 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, real-life images and creative, accessible ideas to inspire child-led mathematical learning using play.

“Great read with lots of simple, thought-provoking ideas to enhance early years maths skills. Lovely colourful photographs and links to the COEL. Inexpensive items required for the suggested activities and able to extend children’s play in all areas of the environment.”

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50 FANTASTIC IDEAS FOR SUSTAINABILITY

With 50 fun, informative and environmentally friendly activities to get children thinking about and practising sustainability, 50 Fantastic Ideas for Sustainability is the perfect book for any Early Years practitioner looking to raise environmental awareness and positively influence the younger generation. *“Full of fun, great ideas for nursery and home. Clear instructions and photographs to show how the outcomes should look. Plenty of activities for use with our 3-5 year olds.”*

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Trends UK £17.99 www.trendsuk.co.uk



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HUE ANIMATION STATION

The STEM.org approved, HUE Animation Studio, contains a camera, activity book and software for children to create stop-motion movies and time-lapse videos! This educational kit fosters 21st century skills and brings subjects right across the curriculum to life through project-based learning and creative play. *"Once software installed and camera working, this seemed very self-explanatory, although a few issues with the software compatibility and stability. Was really fun to use, with interesting results and stimulated discussions on how to make different animations. Adult supervision required"*

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