



# Let's Develop Domestic Role Play

## Reviewing & Enriching Children's Learning Across the Curriculum

To support you in developing provision for Domestic Role Play, we have suggested a few activities and raised questions for you to reflect on individually or through discussions with your team.

### Suggested activities to help you review your provision

- Make a plan of your classroom and/or shared spaces and identify where your Home Corner is best placed. This does not necessarily need to be in a corner, but it does need to be the right size for a group of children and an adult to access together.
- If you already have a Home Corner, take a look at where it is, does it feel like 'somewhere you can move in'? Over time, has it become a little less cared for and needs refreshing or relocating? As suggested in the video – it may be time to move house!
- Check who is using the area. Is it a particular group of children? Are some children more reluctant to use it? Take the time to not only observe your provision, but engage the children in a conversation about how they view the area and its' possibilities.

### Key questions to help you develop children's learning

- Do your resources fully support the curriculum?
  - Personal Development
  - Language Skills
  - Early Literacy & Maths
- How and when do adults spend time in the area to introduce resources, model how to use them, discuss and develop children's ideas, make links and enrich children's vocabulary?
- How and when will the area be enhanced to connect meaningfully with children's interests, festivals and seasons e.g. adding lights around festivals, cards and postcards around holidays and celebrations, a real clock to support understanding of time or introducing a real plant to experience living things.
- The home corner offers a rich landscape for conversations and exploration of feelings. Have you and your team discussed the potential vocabulary you hope the children will develop through accessing this area of provision?

### Curriculum Links

This area nurtures children's Personal Development, Language skills, Early Literacy and helps children to make sense of the world they live in. Acting out scenarios, building relationships and making plans supports self-regulation. Making notes, lists, reading food labels, recipe books, sending birthday cards bring Literacy and Maths meaningfully to life. Refer to the Early Excellence Planning Guide 3-5yrs to help you.

You may also want to look at our free home corner webinar - **"Explore Powerful Learning Through Domestic Role Play"**



Provide opportunities for expressing ideas & feelings

### Non-Fiction Texts

Whilst acknowledging that for some children, story books in the home may be increasingly uncommon, we can still celebrate reading in all its forms and genres in our Home Corners.

Key considerations here include:

- Does the range of books displayed support key learning opportunities in this area, exploring ideas such as everyday routines?
- Do you have reading materials which connect with your children's interests and richly reflect your local community, e.g. pamphlets and menus from local landmarks or take-away restaurants?
- If you have a baby doll in your home corner, are there books the children can share with it and most importantly, have adults modelled this?

To resource this area of provision take a look online:

[earlyexcellence.shop](http://earlyexcellence.shop)

