

Spring

Enhancements for Continuous Provision



Water

- Place plastic frogs and jelly frogspawn in the water tray for the children to explore.
- Use egg cups of different sizes in the water tray for the children to play with and learn about capacity.

Role Play

- The children can play in a group using these [Springtime Animal Role-Play Masks](#).
- You could provide these [The Cautious Caterpillar Role-Play Masks](#) for the children to retell the story using their own words.

Construction

- The children will enjoy using this lovely [Spring Matching Connecting Bricks Game](#) independently or with their friends.
- Use a variety of large construction materials, such as crates, hollow blocks and planks, for the children to construct a shelter to keep themselves dry from the spring showers!

Maths

- Provide the children with lots of little fluffy chicks and number shapes in the maths area. The children can work with a friend to put the little chicks into the holes on the number shapes.
- Children could sort Easter eggs of different colours and patterns into hoops in the maths area.

Reading

- Create a spring-themed reading area. Decorate with yellow and green blankets and cushions, add flowers and springtime soft toy animals. Include fiction and non-fiction books.
- This [Spring Book List](#) may come in handy!
- Have the wonderful, spring-themed story [The Cautious Caterpillar](#) available for the children to look at the pictures and discuss with their friends.

ICT

- Put a paint/drawing program on the IWB or on a tablet for children to draw pictures of spring-themed images.
- Put the CD player outside and play some spring and spring-themed music.

Small World

- Add small world spring-themed characters to the construction area to encourage storytelling.
- The children will enjoy playing in a group with these lovely [Spring-Themed Small World Characters](#), sharing and taking turns.

Mark Making/Fine Motor

- Encourage children to practise their fine motor skills using this [Fluffy Bunnies Finger Gym Activity](#).
- Fill shallow trays with shaving foam mixed with green food colouring. Can the children write and draw spring objects in them and tell their friends what they have drawn.

Painting

- Leave out green paint in shallow trays in the creative area to enable children to decorate this [Tree Template](#) by fingerprinting leaves.
- Provide spring-themed music and spring-coloured paint in the creative area. Encourage the children to create spring paintings, using the music and colours as inspiration.

Music

- You may like to use handy [Signs of Spring Songs and Rhyme Pack](#) which has lots of lovely songs and rhymes for the children to learn, sing and perform together.
- Use percussion instruments to make the sounds of springtime. Encourage the children to play the instruments loud and fast to represent heavy rain, slow and short to represent stomping wellies in puddles, light and quick for chirping birds, etc.

Sand

- Hide these lovely [Spring Story Stone Image Cut-Outs](#) in the sand for the children to find and use to make up their own stories.
- Have a selection of different types of large seeds and flower bulbs in the sand tray, along with containers for children to sort them into.

Malleable

- Ask the children to make spring animals in the playdough. Can they make a butterfly life cycle?
- This fantastic [Spring-Themed Playdough Recipe](#) can be used in the malleable area to promote fine motor development.

Sensory/Messy

- Make clear jelly with blueberries inside to represent frogspawn. Leave it outside in an activity tray for the children to explore and discuss what it looks and feels like and decide what it might be.
- Leave this fantastic [Spring Flower Sensory Bottle](#) outside for the children to play with, explore and discuss.

Workshop

- Children will love constructing a home for the Easter Bunny outside in the construction area.
- Provide junk-modelling materials, glue and paint in the creative area to encourage children to build minibeast and bird houses. They could also use empty egg boxes to make minibeasts and spring animals.

Investigation

- Encourage the children to use magnifying glasses to look carefully at different plants and flowers growing around the outside area. Have these [Spring Hunt Checklists](#) available on clipboards for the children to use. Can they spot any of the spring-themed items on the checklist?
- Set up a tank or container to keep tadpoles in. The children can watch them closely each day. Please ensure that once the tadpoles have grown legs, they are safely returned to where you found them.