



Curiosity Investigation Discovery



Poster Cards

The poster cards are for you to use as you see helpful.

We suggest using the ideas in a variety of ways. We believe in balance between free play, unstructured, structured, child led and adult initiated experiences being offered.

An adult is the biggest resource a child has access to. The way we enable, extend or facilitate interactions by chatting, demonstrating or suggesting helps scaffold a child's thoughts.

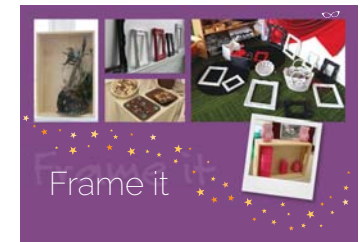
The adult can use both verbal and nonverbal communications to develop positive interactions with children or between children having a resource, artefact or provocation making the interaction exciting and often deeper and richer.

In the poster cards, we have tried to offer suggestions of the more unusual object that is perhaps not automatically considered a 'toy' or of educational value. We have suggested a range of weird and wonderful catalysts for you to consider.

We encourage you to consider the safety and appropriateness of old and unusual objects but not to be risk adverse. It is also important that we do not introduce something to the children just because... we have seen it on the internet or in a book and it looked nice.

Our children deserve to be engaged in interesting, challenging and thought provoking play, that allows them to be active in mind, body and heart. Active in mind means they are thinking, being intellectually challenged, active in body, the more physically involved in play the stronger the memory that is created and active in heart ensures they are emotionally connected.

Every experience has the potential for deep provocative thinking moments, especially if the adults who are a partner in the play understand the value and benefits of the learning and engagement and can scaffold and extend, when appropriate, the child development processes and skills.



Provocation

– the action of arousing interest, stimulation, encouragement and inspiration.

Artefact

– an object made by a human being, typically one of cultural or community interest – something observed in an investigation or experiment.

Resource

– a stock of materials that can be drawn on in order to function effectively.

Catalyst

– an item that increases the rate of reaction and response.

