

LET'S CREATE



It's Not a Box



Children have vivid imaginations.

What can a large empty box or storage container become?

Children do not always need real items within their play. A block can become a car or a telephone, and a stick could be a fishing rod.

WHAT YOU NEED:

You will need a large cardboard box, a washing basket or an extra large storage container.

WHAT YOU COULD DO:

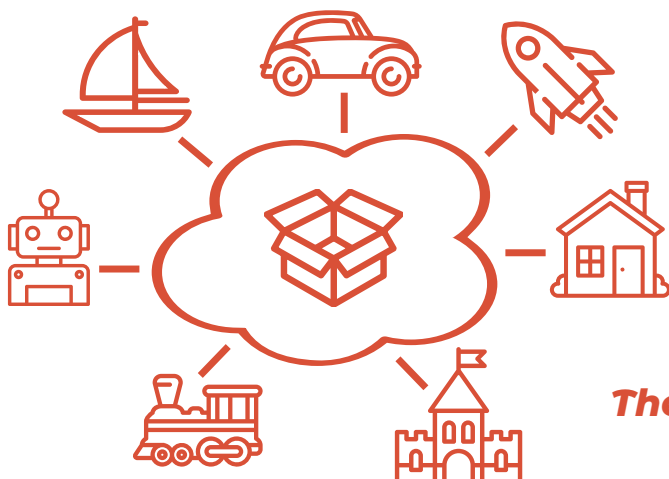
This box could become a car, a rocket ship, a boat, a castle, a bed for a doll or a soft toy. The ideas are as broad as your child's imagination.

WHAT LEARNING IS HAPPENING?

- This type of play fosters creativity in children as they create storylines.
- They use their imaginations to explore the world and their place in it.
- Children may role play about events and experiences they have been a part of or have read about.
- Imaginative play allows them to explore and express feelings and try out different ideas.

WORDS OR PHRASES TO USE:

- Join in with the child's play.
- Become a character who adds depth to the storyline.
- If the child has made a car, you could be a passenger. I would like to visit Nanna. Can you drive me there?
- If they have made a rocket, you could be the ground crew using phrases such as 'It is 5 seconds to blast off...' or 'the countdown begins 10, 9, 8...'
- Prompt the conversations and ask questions to broaden the child's play.



The ideas are endless...