

Understanding the World

A gift list has been put together to share ideas about what toys, objects and materials that will support your child's learning within the Understanding the World area

Step 1-3

- * Light up toys
- * Vibrating toys objects—cushion, hair brush, etc.
- * Outdoors experiences—different weather conditions—or fan, water spray, hot water bottle, hand warmers
- * Cultural materials / fabrics



Step 4-5

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- * Cultural music treasure boxes—African drums, Chinese symbols, etc
- * Cultural material treasure baskets—brightly coloured silk materials, patterned materials, hats big and small,
- * Mirror so children can view themselves while feeling the materials on their body
- * Strong smells—spices etc.



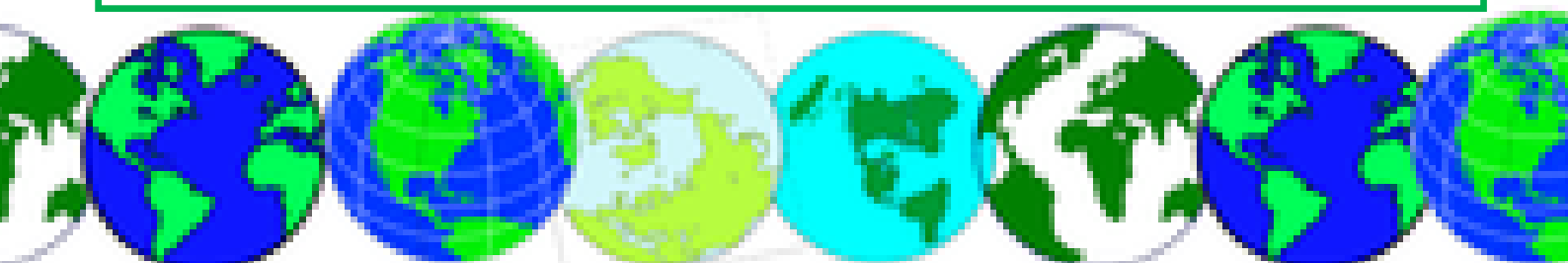
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- * Spinning dish—to show awareness of body movement in space
- * Sensory materials on body —scarves, ribbons—you can buy personalised ribbons from Ebay/amazon/small businesses [personalised sensory ribbons | eBay](#)



Technology / Computing

- * Cause and effect toys—light up drum
- * Vibrating toys
- * Light up / sound producing toys



Step 6-7

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- * Talking photo album [Talking Photo Album - Communication, Language & Literacy - Baby \(0-2 Years\) - Shop by Room - Early Years | Consortium - The Education Supplies People \(consortiumeducation.com\)](#) photos of immediate family members
- * Play birthday cake



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- * Light box—[Light Box Drawing Tracing A4 LED Light Tracer 0.2inch Ultra-Thin Light Table for Artists Art Sketching with Brightness Adjustable Power by USB: Amazon.co.uk: Kitchen & Home](#) so children can explore a range of insects / objects / materials on the light box



Technology / Computing

- * Push button toys
- * Pull string toys
- * Switch adapted toys [Inclusive Technology | Hardware | Switch Adapted Toys](#)



Step 8-9

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- * Personalised name keyrings for coats and bags [Custom Name Keyring Custom Key Fob Personalised Key Fob | Etsy](#) stick to the same colours and designs to support them recognising their personal belongings
- * Stories and rhymes around personal / cultural celebrations

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- * Light box again as in previous step. Place a wider variety of objects on the light box—natural materials, materials, arts and crafts.
- * Outdoor visits—far, zoo, sea life centre, parks, SNAPs



Technology / Computing

- * Wider range of switch toys (link in above stap)
- * Wider range of cause and effect toys—



Step 10-11

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- * Add more family photos to talking photo album (See step 6-7)
- * Make a picture book of your child, where have they been? What have they enjoyed doing?

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- * Small world play—garage, farm, vets, playground
- * Doll play—feeding, bathing, dressing dolls
- * Build towers
- * Train track
- * Weather charts [Today's Weather Boards - Chalkboard & Signs - Outdoor - Millhouse Range Solution - Early Years Furniture - Furniture and Storage - Education | Consortium - The Education Supplies People \(consortiumeducation.com\)](#)



Technology / Computing

- * A wider variety of toys—flaps, buttons, push, pull, squeeze, turn, pour,

Step 12-13

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- * Role Play for different cultural events—Christmas, Diwali, Eid, Easter, etc
- * Add more photos to photos books (see previous steps)

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- * Make a mini beasts hotel, use magnify glasses to look for mini beasts

Technology / Computing

- * Remote control cars
- * Jack in the Box toys [Peter Rabbit Jack in the Box \(inspiredoffers.com\)](#)



Step 14-16

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- * Dressing up—cultural dress, role play fancy dress
- * Role play—doctors, vets, doll play, schools, tool station, gardening—have a rail for your child to choose their own outfit



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- * Planting
- * Life cycle of a plant, frog, butterfly
- * Grow you own butterfly garden—[Butterfly Garden - Baker Ross](#)



Technology / Computing

- * Age appropriate apps
- * Paint program
- * Bee Bot—Directions and instructions [Bee-Bot® Countryside Mat - Programming and Control - Computing - Curriculum Resources - Education | Consortium - The Education Supplies People \(consortiumeducation.com\)](#)

