



Continuous
provision
resources

Outdoors,
everyday



Resourcing outdoor learning and play

Resourcing the outdoor environment for learning and play within the Foundation Phase should be given as much thought and consideration as the indoor environment. Continuous provision outdoors can be made up of fixed pieces of large equipment and also boxes or kits of resources that can be used flexibly to provide and support child-led learning and activities.

Many of these resources can be donated or bought from your setting's suppliers or at a supermarket or homeware store. The kits can form part of your continuous provision outdoors with other resources added to enhance the children's learning and play. The flexibility of these kits means that they form the basis for a limitless variety of activities and they can be easily enhanced to support children's lines of enquiry.

Why not create other boxes that will help you make the most of spontaneous opportunities outdoors? For example, put together boxes that reflect the seasons with books, items to explore weather conditions, art materials to support creative activities and resources to support seasonal investigations.

Why not pin these lists to your notice board to appeal for donations? Include a laminated copy of the list in the resource box to help keep track of the contents.



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Music and movement



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✓	Items
	Strips and pieces of various fabrics (floaty, shiny etc)
	Lightweight scarves in a variety of patterns and colours
	Ribbons in a variety of colours, lengths and widths
	Small, soft hair bands (to tie scarves and ribbons to and put on child's wrist)
	Feathers (differing sizes, colours, etc)
	Bubbles
	Wrist bells, maracas, castanets
	Hand-held drum and beater
	Old CDs (to hand-hold for reflection)
	Tactile balls
	Crepe paper (to cut into long flowing strips)
	Small parachute/ sheet/ 2m ² stretchy fabric
	Beanbags
	Balloon
	Hoops, quoits
	Cheerleader pompoms
	Stepping stones/ upturned washing up bowls as alternative
	Egg and spoon (wooden spoons and small balls)
	Pocket kite
	Skipping ropes
	Music CDs/tapes - i.e. Carnival of the Animals; Classics (e.g. William Tell Overture, Ride of the Valkyries, Bolero, Carmina Burana, Carmen)



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Exploring water



✓	Items
	Hose on reel with spray attachments
	Variety of lengths of hose (varying widths too)
	Guttering and pipes cut to various lengths
	Guttering attachments such as hoppers and 'Y' shaped fittings
	Umbrellas of various sizes
	Funnels, jugs, cups and buckets
	Measuring spoons and ladles
	Sieves and colanders
	Spray bottles (recycled from household products, thoroughly cleaned out)
	Recycled plastic bottles (shampoo, washing-up liquid etc)
	1l, 2l and 4l milk bottles with lids
	Large water cooler bottle
	Decorator's brushes of varying sizes
	Decorator's rollers and trays
	Scrubbing and nail brushes
	Joining tools such as duct tape, string, cable ties, strong elastic bands
	Sequins, food colouring
	Ice cube trays
	Cake icing tubes (the type with plunger)
	Sponges, bath scrunchies, loofahs
	Watering cans
	Tarpaulin (to protect grass from getting too muddy if necessary)



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Art kit



✓	Item(s)
	Large sheets of paper
	Plastic trays (recycled food trays)
	Sheets/ large pieces of cotton fabric
	Ready mixed paint – red, yellow, blue, black and white
	Block paints
	Children’s paintbrushes
	Sponges, bath scrunchies
	Decorator’s brushes, rollers and trays
	Chalks – playground size
	Paint colour charts
	Lining paper
	Chunky felt-tipped pens
	Blowpens
	Water spray bottle/washing up liquid bottles
	Air drying clay
	Spoons and buckets for mud art
	String, wool, pipe-cleaners, feathers
	Child-sized carrying/tool box
	PVA glue and spreaders
	Crepe and tissue papers
	Pegs and washing line



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Den building



✓	Item(s)
	Tarpaulin
	Carpet tiles/off-cuts (cardboard inner tubes are excellent too)
	Blankets
	Large sheets
	Shower curtain
	Curtains
	Sheer fabrics
	Pegs and basket
	Gingham material (picnic red and white)
	Camouflage material
	Baskets (with handles), bags
	Suitcase, backpacks etc
	Bamboo canes (3+ft long)
	Masking tape, duct tape (tearable tapes)
	Long and short ropes
	Wooden trouser clip hanger (hang from branch/fence with fabric secured)
	String, scissors
	Torches
	Umbrella
	Pulleys
	Cargo netting
	Ground pegs



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Natural Materials



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✓	Item(s)
	Log slices
	Wood off-cuts of various shapes and sizes
	Branch pieces
	Bamboo sticks or lawn edging
	Small bag of wood off-cuts, wooden bricks
	A variety of baskets and/or wooden bowls
	Shells, fishbone, seaweed
	Pebbles, slate pieces, gravel
	Pine cones
	Polished pebbles
	Smooth glass nuggets
	Wicker shapes - stars, rings etc
	Natural fabrics such as hessian and raw silk
	Unusual leaves
	Bark chippings
	Seeds and tree fruit such as conkers, acorns and dried seed pods
	Air drying clay
	Charcoal
	Raffia
	Handmade papers



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Literacy kit



✓	Item(s)
	Clipboards
	Pencils, crayons
	Whiteboards and markers
	Initial letter cards
	Magnetic/plastic letters
	Chalks
	Laminated leaf shapes (use for word and sentence formation activities)
	Laminated leaves with names of children at setting
	Puppets
	Microphone
	Small collection of unusual objects (prompts for story telling and circle times)
	Tumble dryer duct tube
	Cups/cans and string
	Pegs and washing line
	flash-cards showing high frequency words
	Assortment of papers
	Initial-sound objects

Don't forget to include a book box as part of your continuous provision resources. Choose fiction books that reflect your topics as well as stories set in the outdoors. Non-fiction books should support the children's lines of enquiry, and don't forget to add some reference books so that adults at the setting are able to answer some of the inevitable questions that the children will ask about their discoveries outdoors.



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Meaningful Maths



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✓	Item(s)
	Laminated numbers - variety of sizes, colours and textures
	Laminated mathematical symbols
	Laminated number leaves (easily made from card)
	Beanbags
	Hoops
	Tape measures/rulers
	Blank laminated leaves (easily made from card)
	Natural counters (conkers, acorns, pine-cones, pebbles)
	Solar-powered calculators
	Chalks, pencils, crayons
	Numbered skittles/cones
	Magnetic/plastic numbers
	Plastic coins
	Shape-finding frames
	Clipboards
	Dice
	Numicon
	Washing line and pegs
	Balls of string



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Nature detectives



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✓	Item(s)
	Magnifying glasses
	Bug viewers
	White cups/pots
	Shallow white trays
	Binoculars
	Microscope
	Tweezers
	White boards/markers
	Plastic mini-beasts
	Mini-beast identification cards
	Magnets and small magnetic items
	Shrimping nets
	Thermometers
	Rulers/tape measures
	Ariel view of outdoor space
	Trowels/small forks
	Buckets/old tubs
	Plant labels/lolly sticks
	Bird/leaf/flower/plant identification cards