

BUILDING A TOWN

Activity Two



Objective

To engage the class in a group activity building a huge, new creative town using wooden building blocks, Duplo or recycled materials from home.

This task is a class friendly activity suited to a large open area. Inviting young minds to group play, form connections, build confidence in decision-making and physically show themselves what their minds created.

Required materials

- Building blocks, Duplo or recycled materials from home (e.g. cardboard boxes, paper rolls, etc)
- Figurines, for example: people, animals, plants, cars, trucks and bikes

Task description

1. In a large open area of the room gather the required materials. Ask the students to sit in a big circle, placing the materials in the centre.
2. Explain to the students the objective, invite them to participate in building their dream town. This may be done as one big groups in a few smaller groups.
3. Keep them engaged by asking questions like:
 - a. What would you really like to see built in your town?
 - b. What do you think your family would want to see in your town?
4. Start in one area of the town and grow it from there, involving every individual equally.
5. Once the students are content with their town, let them add the figurines and allow free play.
6. While they are playing ask them to chat to each other about what a cool name for their town would be.

Suggestion

Keep the town set up for a good part of the day, allowing students to come back and play as often as they can. Prompt students to make up scenarios, create stories and make a connection with their creation.

Create a 'Building Our Town' wall. Take a photo of each town and then pin it up for everyone to enjoy and talk about.