

Establishing a Small World Collection to Support Small World and Sand Tray Play

When you invite a child to choose figures and artefacts from your collection they will reach out to the things that 'speak' to them. Try and include the following:

From Nature

Rocks, stones, seashells sticks, feathers
Plastic or wooden trees and flowers

Animals

Wild and domestic animals in family groups
Sea creatures
Insects
Reptiles
Prehistoric – carnivores and herbivores
Fantasy – dragons, unicorns, monsters

People

Modern day family groupings, representing:
Different cultures
Different occupations
Different social strata i.e. King & Queen
People from past times

Fantasy

Witches, wizards, dwarves, trolls, fairies,
Elves, mermaids, vampires
Superheroes

Vehicles

Land, sea and air
Emergency Services
Armed Forces
From past times

Engineering e.g. diggers, cranes,
Lorries, tractors

Homes

Houses, modern and from past times
Homes from different cultures
Temporary homes
Caravans
Castles

Other Buildings

Religious buildings
Schools
Hospital, police station
Garage

Structures

Bridges, fences, towers, tracks

Equipment

Electrical, I.T. musical, cleaning

Other

Food, drink, mirrors, pictures, Lights
Cushions, material, flags, containers
Beads, counters

Good sources of miniatures are charity shops and car boot sales and any Playmobile or doll house equipment.

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