



Playing shops!

Imaginative role play provides children with opportunities to identify with the adult world. It stimulates their imagination, while practising negotiation skills, turn taking and sharing. It also will help familiarise children with money and value.



What you need:

- Items to 'sell' such as a range of small toys, packets of food, shoes, books
- Some real money
- Empty bags or boxes

Talk to your child about shops you have visited together. Decide what sort of shop they would like and what it would need. Help your child find a space to make a shop and display what they are selling. Encourage your child to write the prices on pieces of paper and put them alongside the goods. Take turns being the shopper or shop keeper.

Questions to ask.....

- Do you have any?
- How much does this cost?
- Can I buy more than one?

Have fun shopping!