Playfully preparing for school playgroup

Play is the key way children learn about themselves, others and the world they live in. It is essential to their learning, development, health, and physical, mental and social well-being - and it's FUN! Play provides the building blocks to be ready for school.



Tea party

Hosting a tea party at playgroup is a wonderful way for children to join in pretend collaborative play, working out together the roles to play, who will play them and what the play is about.



A tea party for children of all ages encourages older children to consider younger children, develops consideration and care for others and provides opportunities to practise social skills in a wider environment.



Add language

Talking with playmates gives children a chance to express their own ideas and exposes them to a wider vocabulary.

Other Development

Giving children the opportunity to direct the play helps develop their thinking and planning skills and gives them practise at their social skills. Playing with a variety of people from different backgrounds gives children a chance to learn that things may be done differently in other homes.

Variations

A teddy bear's picnic can be an exciting playgroup event!

☐ Playgroup WA has a treasure trove of play activities for babies, toddlers and 3-5 year olds, for home and playgroup. These play activities cover a balanced diet of play across sensory, movement, language and thinking skill areas.

You can find them at www.playgroupwa.com.au/playideas or visit www.facebook.com/playgroupwa

