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.

Turn taking Games

Playgroup is the perfect place for children to practice turn taking.

Did you know?

Children learn lots of different skills from practicing taking turns with other children. Pausing and giving them a chance to work things out for themselves without an adult intervening too quickly helps children learn and practice important social and emotional skills.

Add language

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Talk about turn taking and "fairness" with children across playgroup activities when they need to take turns and share.

Have some books in your playgroup collection with stories about taking turns, sharing and making friends.

Other development

Keep turn times matched to the ages of your playgroup children. It is difficult for young children to exercise patience and wait for their turn. Keeping turns short will minimise conflicts. Using a big sand timer or a song to mark the passage of time will help children learn to predict when their turn will start or end.



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



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