

## Small World Activities

You can easily make a small world activity at home using a variety of toys and natural materials found around the home and garden. Small world encourages imaginative skills, can promote independent play, problem solving and build vocabulary and language when used with an adult.

It is best to put all items into a large tray or suitable container which is then sat on the floor or a table. If the weather is nice you could create these activities outside too and use grass or sand as the base.

Always ensure that the resources used are age appropriate and checked to be safe. Plants and leaves should also be safe to touch.

Younger children should be supervised to ensure they do not put items into their mouth.

As an adult you can encourage vocabulary by talking about the different animals, textures and objects within the tray.

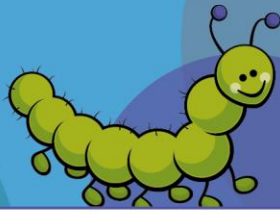
### Tray ideas

#### Dinosaur Jungle



Resource ideas:

Small or large dinosaurs  
Logs or sticks from the garden  
Plants and/or large leaves  
Sand or soil  
Pebbles



### **Under the Sea / Antarctica**

Resource ideas:

Small or large sea creatures and animals

Water with or without bubbles

Large pebbles

Sand

Ice cubes

Tin foil underneath the water if using a deep tray

### **On Safari**



Resource ideas:

Small or large animals

Artificial grass or green felt

Plants

Logs or large twigs

Small bowl or cup of water

### **Insect Garden**

Resource ideas:

Small toy insects / bugs

Real or artificial grass

Small logs and/or twigs

Plants / herbs /leaves / flowers

Moss

Different sized pebbles