

# The benefits of home corner play

Home corner can be set up in many different ways based on the children's interests, from a traditional home, to a restaurant, a vets, a doctor's office, a mechanics etc. No matter what home corner is set up as it presents the following opportunities:



### Transfer knowledge

While playing through experiences children get to transfer their understanding of different real life situations. The more resources that are provided to children that align with real world experiences, the more opportunities there are for children to transfer their knowledge.



## Learn through play

Children learn through play, and home corner allows them to play through a range of different scenarios to develop their understanding of them, and also process any emotions they may associate with these experiences.



### Meaningful experiences

By providing a variety of experiences and resources children can learn through a way that makes sense to them. For example learning about healthy food while pretending to cook a meal and serve foods is more meaningful than randomly discussing this out of context.



#### Social skills

Playing in home corner is often a social experience with multiple children needing to establish roles in the play (e.g. who is doctor/patient), basic rules for each role, and responding to other children's presence quickly and efficiently (e.g. identifying a new child is a patient in the play).



#### Extend on children's interests

Identifying children's interests and creating social areas for children to role play through these interests allows children to feel valued and extend their learning. This could be a museum, milkshake shop, art gallery, plant nursery etc. Involve the children in the set up so they have a voice.