

The benefits of scaffolding children's learning

Scaffolding children's learning means providing support to achieve challenges or outcomes they could not have achieved by themselves. This has many benefits for children including providing...



New knowledge

When scaffolding children educators share their thinking when working through a problem or undertaking challenges. This process helps children learn new knowledge as they observe or listen to how more knowledgeable others approach the situation.



New ideas

By playing alongside children and showing them your process of handling different challenges you can show children new ideas that they can implement into their play. It is important to make sure you try different ideas to show them there is not just one solution.



Role modelling

Children can also scaffold each other, so allowing older children to play with younger children supports scaffolding as older children become role models. Often children in closer age groups can share their learning in more meaningful ways and explain things easier than an educator can.



Shared learning

Scaffolding allows for children and educators to learn together and engage in sustained shared thinking. This supports everyone to be learning and growing together instead of the educator feeling like they have all the knowledge to share with the children.



Support and feedback

By scaffolding children you get to have lots of examples of where you provide support and feedback to children in the curriculum. This supports a more meaningful way of supporting children's learning that is ongoing instead of adult-directed learning.