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Welcome to our August Newsletter

We hope you all enjoyed a safe and relaxing summer!

Here at PlayBase we have been busy over the summer period preparing for the new term and developing new resources obtained through the Communities Recovery Fund.

We will for the time being continue to operate by appointment only. This shouldn't be a barrier to borrowing as you can still access our resources by:

BORROWING:

- Browse our updated pdf catalogues on our web site: www.midlothianplaybase.org
- Order resources directly through the web site by email, quoting catalogue numbers
- Phoning us directly – 0131 654 9990 – with requests. We can quickly put things together to meet your needs.
- Emailing: infoplaybase@midlothianplaybase.org with requests

Upon receiving your requests for resources we will select your resources and place them in a sealed bag awaiting collection.

COLLECTION:

- By pre-booked pick-up time to suit you
- Resources in sealed bag

QUARANTINE:

- Current guidance advises 72 hours quarantine. Please keep resources in sealed bag for 72 hours after picking up from PlayBase

RETURNS:

- Loan periods are for 8 weeks
- PlayBase will contact you in advance to advise you of your return date
- Please ensure resources are complete and cleaned as per current guidance
- Resources MUST be returned in sealed bag they were collected in
- Arrange a return day and time to suit you

RESOURCES:

Our successful application to the Communities Recovery Fund allowed us to purchase new resources. We concentrated on two areas: Health and Well-Being and the Outdoors. Please see below a selection of resources new to PlayBase.



A few of our Health & well-Being resources focusing on Emotions. We are currently developing a book list to compliment these resources. We will forward this to all members in due course.



We will be updating our Facebook page daily over the next few weeks to show case some of our resources. Keep an eye out for the updates and please share!

INTEREST TRAYS

Our small interest trays remain very popular with our members. We have several already developed, however, the trays can be made up to order very quickly to support children's interests, seasonal activities etc. The trays include small world, fact/fiction book, and visual prompts of songs, stories and ideas to extend use.



A few examples of our Interest trays. Please get in touch to order yours. infoplaybase@midlothianplaybase.org.

We now have over 50 Rhyme/Story Baskets available to borrow. These are a fantastic literacy resource. Using props in story telling can enrich the experiences for children by, provoking critical thinking, encouraging engagement and most of all by bringing the story alive it's more fun!

Got a favourite story you would like to bring alive? Please do let us know of any you would like added.

You can purchase Rhyme/Story baskets from PlayBase for your setting. Interested? Please get in touch. : infoplaybase@midlothianplaybase.org



Story/Rhyme Baskets

We will post up a list of them on Facebook and Twitter once completed.

Membership

For Local Authority members I am pleased to advise that Midlothian Council will continue to support your setting and PlayBase by meeting the cost of local authority memberships.

Reference books:

We have a library of reference books for borrowing suitable for Early Learning and Childcare study from level 3 through to PDA/BA in Childhood Practice.

Please get in touch if this would be of use to you, we can email you out a full list.

Email: infoplaybase@midlothianplaybase.org

Peep – We continue to support Peep in Midlothian delivery. All Virtual Kits are now ready for the new term. We were busy over the summer period developing materials and resources to support the roll out of the Peep Progression Pathway to some Early Learning Centres, who will be running courses for parents.

Running a Peep Group? Need resources? Please get in touch. infoplaybase@midlothianplaybase.org

