

Things to do at home:

Small world play

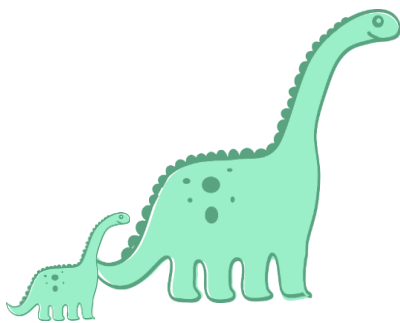
You will need: small animals, people or objects. A large sheet of paper (e.g. wallpaper cut-off or an empty box) would be helpful.

Playing with small world toys helps young children to:

- ☀ understand and use everyday maths words for:
 - position** (e.g. behind, next to),
 - direction** (e.g. up, backwards) and
 - order** (e.g. first, next, before)
- ☀ have fun using their imaginations, to act out real life or imaginary stories.

What to do:

1. Set up a small world play scene that would interest your child, for example, a farm, dinosaurs, a doll's house or cars.
2. On a large sheet of paper you could draw fields and a pond (for the farm) or roads and a garage (for the cars), etc.



3. As your child plays, try describing what the characters are doing, incorporating some mathematical and positional language. Your child will increasingly understand and use the same kinds of words.