Playfully preparing for school

Play is the key way children learn about themselves, others and the world they live in. It is essential to their learning, development, health, and physical, mental and social well-being – and it’s FUN! Play provides the building blocks to be ready for school.

Sharing books

Book sharing can become a special part of your playgroup’s regular routine, and can be enjoyed in a variety of ways.

Did you know?

Sharing books at playgroup gives children of different ages the opportunity to share the fun of stories together.

Add language

Books with rhyme and repetition are especially good for sharing at playgroup with children often joining in together with familiar words.

Variations

Why not have a quiet corner set up at playgroup with some simple baby picture books. They are great for sharing with an adult or for children looking through on their own. Including a story-time at playgroup is a great way for getting all the children together and can be a great way to signal to children that it is almost home-time. Parents could take turns telling a story while other parents tidy up.

Playgroup WA has a treasure trove of play activities for babies, toddlers and 3-5 year olds, for home and playgroup. These play activities cover a balanced diet of play across sensory, movement, language and thinking skill areas.

You can find them at www.playgroupwa.com.au/playideas or visit www.facebook.com/playgroupwa