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.

Tea party

Hosting a tea party at playgroup is a wonderful way for children to join in pretend collaborative play, working out together the roles to play, who will play them and what the play is about.

Did you know?

A tea party for children of all ages encourages older children to consider younger children, develops consideration and care for others and provides opportunities to practise social skills in a wider environment.

Add language

Talking with playmates gives children a chance to express their own ideas and exposes them to a wider vocabulary.

Other Development

Giving children the opportunity to direct the play helps develop their thinking and planning skills and gives them practise at their social skills. Playing with a variety of people from different backgrounds gives children a chance to learn that things may be done differently in other homes.

Variations

A teddy bear’s picnic can be an exciting playgroup event!

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