

## New baby theme box

Introducing a child to a new baby in the family can be a challenging time for parents. Create a 'new baby theme box' to introduce the idea to children in your setting.

### Learning aims

- Knowledge of the world – siblings, parents, care of a baby
- Language/communication
- Personal, social and emotional – caring, sharing, emotions.



### Resources

- 1-litre bottles of fizzy pop in different colours
- Box/basket
- Dolls/teddies
- Dolls/baby clothes
- Feeding bottles, bibs, nappies
- Comforters
- Blanket
- Books on new babies/animal babies
- Handmade photo books of the children's own parents, new baby, family/drawings.

### Activity outline

- Discuss with the children what a baby needs from parents and them as “big brother or sister”
- Ask them to talk about the baby and their emotions
- Ask them what the baby needs
- Gather the resources and develop the box
- Ask the children to draw pictures of their new baby/ ask parents for photos of the family
- Place the box in the role play area/use it as a teaching/language tool.

## Working with Babies

Babies/toddlers can still begin to familiarise themselves with this theme and practitioners can provide the following resources within the baby room for them to explore.

Resources can include:

- Blanket
- Doll
- Feeding bottle
- Picture books.