Garden centre: role-play set-up

Set it up, model a role for a few minutes, then step back

Put out



pots and real or silk plants



big seeds in clear tubs



watering cans



trowels and scoops



baskets



a till and play money



labels and pens



flowers to sell

Roles to try

Gardener, shop helper, customer, delivery driver

Words to model

seed, soil, roots, shoot, water, light, grow, pot, plant, buy, sell, how much

Questions to ask

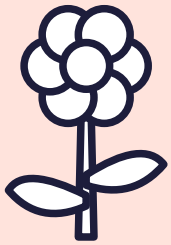
Which plant would you like? What does it need to grow? Where will you plant it? How tall will it grow?

Small world

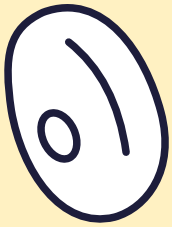
Small-world version: a tray of soil or compost with pebbles, sticks for fences, small pots, toy minibeasts and the life-cycle cards.

Safety

Use big seeds only with an adult watching, and check every plant is safe before it goes in the play area. Wash hands after soil.



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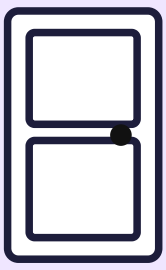
Seeds



Plants



Pots



Open



Closed