

Early Learning Goal	Characteristics of Effective Learning	Traditional Tales – Materials	
<ul> <li>Understanding the World         <ul> <li>Understand some important processes in the natural world around them including the seasons and changing states of matter</li> </ul> </li> <li>Creating with Material         <ul> <li>Safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques. Experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function.</li> <li>Share their creations, explaining the process they have used.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Playing and Exploring         <ul> <li>Showing curiosity about objects</li> <li>Using senses to explore the world around them</li> </ul> </li> <li>Active Learning         <ul> <li>Showing high levels of energy and fascination</li> <li>Paying attention to details</li> <li>Persisting when challenged occur</li> <li>Showing a belief that more effort or a different approach will pay off</li> </ul> </li> <li>Creating and thinking critically         <ul> <li>Thinking of ideas</li> <li>Making predictions</li> <li>Testing their ideas</li> <li>Planning, making decisions about how to approach a</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	MaterialsKnow a range of common objects that are made of plastic, wood, metal and glass and sortthem.Know how to describe materials using the following words - hard, soft, smooth, rough,opaque, transparent (use 'see-through' alongside more scientific terms - transparent),flexible.Know that plastic is useful because it keeps things fresh, is waterproof, can be shaped andmoulded into different shapes, it can be made in lots of different colours.Know that plastic can be harmful to living things because it does not decompose likevegetables, fruit and meat. Plastic is toxic (which means it is dangerous to eat which canalso be described as poisonous)Know that decompose means to rot away naturally. (Observe apiece of fruit or vegetable rotting) Know that often it has to beburied in the ground in landfill sites when it has been used.Sometimes small pieces of plastic go into the sea and animals eat them and can become illand die. (linked to pirates topic too)Know what it is our responsibility to look after the planet and the animals and plants that liveon it.Three Little PigsKnow what a material is and that materials have different propertiesKnow about similarities and differences between materials such as sticks, bricks and strawKnow about basic functions of materials such as floating and sinking	
	<ul> <li>about how to approach a task, solve a problem and reach a goal</li> <li>Checking how well their activities are going</li> <li>Changing strategy as needed</li> </ul>	Know that materials can have different levels of <b>strength</b> Know that we use brick to build houses and buildings (our school) Know and identify different materials such as brick, wood, plastic, straw, metal, glass, rock Know that some materials can be light (straw, paper and feathers) and some materials can	
		be heavy (bricks, wood) not metal Know that some objects can be <b>bendy</b> Know why we use bricks instead of sticks and straw to build houses	

<ul> <li>Reviewing how well the approach worked</li> </ul>	Know that some materials we have to make ourselves and some materials the World makes for us
	<ul> <li><u>Protecting the Environment</u></li> <li>Know that it is important for us to look after our <b>environment</b> and the wider world.</li> <li>Know that we can help by doing the following: <ul> <li>Not wasting water - turning taps off after use or while brushing teeth</li> <li>Not wasting <b>electricity</b></li> <li>Not throwing <b>litter</b> on the floor</li> <li>Looking after animals and providing them with places to live</li> <li>Help to recycle - putting the correct rubbish in the correct bins</li> <li>Reuse plastic bags</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	Use plastic water bottles many times (compared to throwing them away after one use) Learn about recycling Know that recycle means to turn one thing into another Know that reuse means to use things again and again rather than throwing away Know that we can recycle lots of things made with glass, plastic and paper. Know the recycle symbol. And start recycling Know the recycle symbol. And start recycling Know how to find the recycle symbol on a range of products

## **Continuous Provision Opportunities**

- Creative area sorting boxes for different materials. Opportunities for children to choose their materials to build and construct with a purpose in mind
- Playdough area exploring and experimenting with materials
- Construction testing the strength of materials, using a range of materials (heavy and light)
- Water area investigating materials that float and sink, exploring with a range of materials their texture and form e.g. rocks and shells
- Den building functions of materials, strength of materials, building using different materials

Direct Teaching of Vocabulary					
	Anchor words	(not too easy, not too hard, just right)	Step on words		
nouns	Wood, metal, glass	Fabric, bricks, plastic	Properties		
verbs	Make, build	Float, sink	Testing, construct		
adjectives	Hard, soft	Strong, bendy, stretchy, rough, smooth	Man-made, natural		