Seabridge Primary EYFS – Construction Progression of Skills

| Progression of Skills | Vocabulary | Resources to support |
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| Emerging Skills | Colour names. | Duplo |
| | Cardinal number e.g. 1, 2, 3, 4 | Stickle bricks |
| Creating a structure Uses resources to build towers. | 2D shape names e.g. square, circle, triangle, rectangle etc. | Kids Knex Small blocks |
| Builds vertical models. | 3D shape names e.g. cube, cuboid, sphere, pyramid etc. | Large blocks |
| Spatial AwarenessConstructs in a large space with large | Language of position e.g. before, after, on top off, behind, in front of etc. | Wooden ramps Natural resources, e.g. shells, pebbles, sticks |
| blocks.Constructs in a small space with | Language of size., e.g. tall, short, wide, narrow, low, high, deep. | Polygons- large & Small Unifix |
| small blocks. | Descriptive language, e.g. rough, smooth, stable, unstable | |
| Constructing with a purpose in mind Has an idea about what they will build before they begin. | Levels, platforms, floors, entrance, exit, purpose Plan, design, improve, extend. | A range of open ended and themed small world resources |
| Selects resources they need as they go. | | |
| Developing Skills | | Lego |
| | Adult questioning | Mobilo |
| Creating a structure | What are you going to make? | Small blocks |
| Uses resources to construct buildings/ enclosures | What will you need for? | Large Blocks Multi link |
| Positions resources both vertically and | How does this work? | Polydron |
| horizontally. | Which construction kit are you going to use? | marble run |

Spatial Awareness

• Connects buildings and structures(e.g. putting a road between buildings). Puts a roof onto structures .

- Select the appropriate sized blocks/construction resources for their chosen purpose.
- Select the appropriate sized blocks/construction resources for chosen workspace.
- Understands safety elements (e.g. if tower is taller than themselves then it might hurt them if it falls).

Constructs with a purpose in mind

• Knows what they want to build when they begin to construct.

• Plans what they will use.

Chooses small world resources to enhance construction.

What did you use to make your model?

How did you ...?

What do you think about your ...?

How could we ... add the plane's wings ...?

How could we put windows in the house ...?

How could we make the model more stable?

How could we improve/extend the model?

What is the purpose of the model?

Squared paper

Fabric

Natural resources, e.g. shells, pebbles, sticks

Loose parts

A range of open ended and themed small world resources

Extended Skills

Creating a structure

- Combines resources to create a structure.
- Builds more elaborate structures.
- Includes systems (e.g. pathways, roads, bridges etc) and adds detail to structure.
- Ensures model is stable.

Spatial Awareness

- Build a house/model with different rooms or different parts.
- •Uses smaller blocks/construction tools to create intricate structures.

Constructs with a purpose in mind

- Change, adapt and modify model to serve a purpose.
- Combine construction resources to create model.
- Creates a design before they construct.

Chooses appropriate small world resources to enhance construction.

Small blocks Nuts and bolts/ Simple Meccano Gears Handles Wheels and axels Knex – small scale Magnetix – small scale Lego technic Squared paper/design sheets Fabric Natural resources, e.g. shells, pebbles, sticks Loose parts A range of open ended and themed small world resources