

New 'Big Fire Engine Activity Box'

We are excited to be able to offer every nursery within the West Midlands a free 'Big Fire Engine Activity Box'.

What messages will the boxes cover?

This box is made to look like a fire engine and contains a number of items for both role play (firefighters uniforms, 'role play area' resources for a 'pretend' fire station) and education (games, books, DVD's, puppet, activity books etc.), all produced to a very high standard.

These focus on 6 key messages:

- Firefighters are here to help us
- Don't play with matches or lighters
- If your clothes catch on fire: stop, drop and roll
- Never hide from fire
- Ring 999 in an emergency
- If the smoke alarm goes off, get out



Subsidiary messages are covered such as crossing a road safely and general safety in the home. There are also items to take home which will educate the parents.

The resources also fits in with the Early Years topic of 'People Who Help Us'. At present stations get many requests to help out with this topic, but often have to turn them down.

What does the box contain?

The new box contains a number of resources, games and activities. The pivotal elements of the box are DVD's and story books based on 'Ellie' the fire dog. All activities and games stem from what they will have seen or heard in the 'Adventures of Ellie' DVD's and books, and the key messages highlighted in them.



Contents of the box:

- 'Adventures of Ellie the Fire Dog' DVD's
- 'Adventures of Ellie the Fire Dog' story books
- 'Ellie' puppet
- 4 uniforms and helmets (in the new colours)
- 'Home corner' pack – jobs board, crew board, 4 posters with key messages
- 4 games – 'quiz cube', jigsaw, floor game, and 'dangerous' snap
- Photocopiable activity book
- Teachers' notes

How can my nursery get a box?

You will be required to attend a 1 – 2 hour introductory session on how to use the box and at the end of the session you will be able to take a box back with you. Sessions will be held on certain dates throughout the year in different parts of the West Midlands. Please contact Jo Malyon or Fiona Rhodes on the number below for more information.

If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact Jo Malyon or Fiona Rhodes on 0121 380 6074.