

EYFS · RECEPTION / PRE-K / K

50 Enhancement Ideas

Low-prep, high-impact

How to use this

These are SPECIFIC enhancement ideas you can drop into existing provision areas — not whole new activities. Each takes 5-10 minutes to set up. Pick 1-2 per week.

Mark making (10 ideas)

#	Enhancement
1	Loose-letter tray with name cards to copy
2	Postcards from imaginary places — children write back
3	Recipe cards from a story (e.g. The Tiger Who Came to Tea)
4	Order pad linked to role-play café
5	Treasure-map prompts — 'X marks the spot, what's in your X?'
6	Birthday cards for a class teddy who has many birthdays
7	Shopping lists tied to outdoor 'shop'
8	Speech bubbles to fill in for character pictures
9	Weather diary — children mark today's weather
10	Wanted posters for missing teddy



Maths / number area (10 ideas)

#	Enhancement
11	Number-bond cherry trees with magnetic numbers
12	Tens-frame trays with conkers / shells / buttons
13	Subitising cards for matching games
14	'How many?' jars filled differently each week
15	Pattern strips with loose parts
16	Measuring station with rulers, ribbons, footprints
17	Post-office stamps requiring counting (3 stamps for 3p)
18	Cake decorating — count specific numbers of items
19	Weighing scales with conkers / pebbles
20	Number lines drawn on outdoor paths

Construction (5 ideas)

#	Enhancement
21	Photos of bridges / castles to inspire builds
22	Story link — 'build the troll's bridge'
23	Loose-parts construction (tiles, cones, fabric)
24	Build for a character — 'Goldilocks needs a chair'
25	Engineer-of-the-week display with photos of children's builds

Role play (5 ideas)

#	Enhancement
26	Vet's surgery with toy animals and bandages
27	Café with menus, tills, real coins (1p, 2p, 5p)



#	Enhancement
28	Post office with stamps, letters, parcel deliveries
29	Hairdresser's with mirrors, hair clips, magazines
30	Travel agent / airport check-in

Small world (5 ideas)

#	Enhancement
31	Dinosaur world with mud kitchen sauce-pots = swamps
32	Underwater world with blue voile + sea creatures
33	Farm with animal sounds vocabulary cards
34	Fairytale castle setup linked to current story
35	Pirate ship with treasure map (mark-making link)

Sand / water (5 ideas)

#	Enhancement
36	Hide alphabet letters in sand for treasure hunt
37	Coloured ice cubes in water tray
38	Funnels and tubes with floating boats
39	Numbered rocks to find in sand
40	Frozen objects in ice — 'rescue the dinosaurs'

Creative / art (5 ideas)

#	Enhancement
41	Self-portrait area with mirrors and skin-tone pencils
42	Nature collage — outdoor finds + glue + paper



#	Enhancement
43	Marbled paper with shaving foam and food colouring
44	Big art together — A1 paper + 5 children + brushes
45	Weaving with ribbons through wire racks

Outdoor (5 ideas)

#	Enhancement
46	Mud kitchen with real cooking tools
47	Number hunt — find numbers 1-10 hidden outdoors
48	Den-building with sheets, pegs, sticks
49	Bug hunt with magnifying glasses + ID cards
50	Painting fence with water + big brushes

Rotation principle

Don't change everything every week. Rotate. The same enhancement returning after a fortnight gives children a chance to play with it more deeply. Most enhancements get richer the second time, not less interesting.

