

## Top Tips Shape

Shape		Contexts and activities		
Big Ideas	Key observation- the child:	Outdoors	Indoors and routines	Stories, rhymes and role play
<p><b>Shape:</b> noticing shape properties</p> <p>fitting shapes together and making other shapes</p>	<p>-Selects shapes for a purpose e.g. circles for wheels, flat blocks for stacking</p> <p>-Describes: e.g. <i>curvy, pointy, straight, corners</i></p> <p>-Combines shapes to make new shapes in construction or pictures</p>	<p>- Den building with large blocks, boxes etc.</p> <p>- Shape hunts, spotting <i>pointy</i> rooves, <i>curvy</i> walls</p>	<p>- Construction with packaging, unit blocks</p> <p>- Picture making with shapes; outlines to fill</p> <p>- Tidying: silhouettes for blocks &amp; tools</p>	<p>- Picture books about buildings</p> <p>- Building castles, beds, etc. for story characters e.g. houses for the three bears</p>