



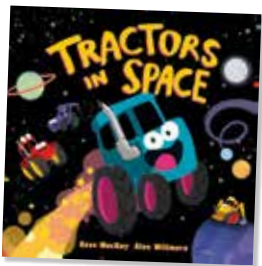
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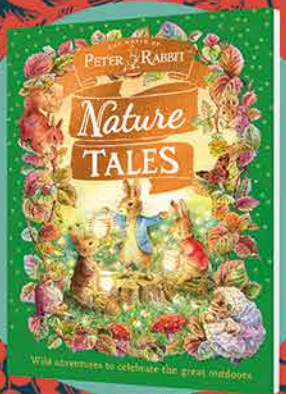


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Welcome to the Right Start Awards 2026

We are thrilled to present a fab line-up of prize-winning new toys and baby products for 2026, all of them rigorously tested at home by parents and their children. This year has not been an easy one for anyone, and that includes our toymakers who have faced significant commercial pressures. It is a credit to the toy industry that it continues to find ways to delight our kids with innovative new products that stretch their developing learning skills and imagination, along with their sense of fun. Enjoy!

You can also find all our top picks online at www.rightstartonline.co.uk



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Top Winners' Awards

TOP TOY 0-3 YEARS

Early Learning Centre Wooden Activity Workbench
ADDO PLAY Ltd
(Baby Toys, page 9)

TOP INVESTMENT

Active Tots 4-in-1 Wooden Play Table
MOOKIE TOYS
(Imaginary, page 16)

TOP WOW FACTOR

Xootz Dizzy Dodger Bumper Car Electric Ride-On
WILTON BRADLEY
(Active Toys, page 4)

TOP TOY 3 YEARS +

Hape – Little Doctors Medical Set
SMART TOYS & GAMES
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ECO AWARD

Pancake Set
BIGJIGS TOYS
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TOP VALUE

Tractors in Space
DK
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Gold Award



Silver Award



Bronze Award



Highly Commended

Active Toys



MINI MICRO FOLDABLE LED NEON SCOOTER

From: MICRO SCOOTERS

Age: 2-5 years Price: £106.95

Glow on the go.

Bursting with bold neon colours and induction-powered LED wheels, this scooter instantly stands out from the crowd. Practical features include a one-click folding system and detachable, scratch-resistant telescopic handlebar. With replaceable parts and a durable design, it's built to last for years and can happily be passed on to siblings.

Testers say:

'Perfect size for our two and five year-olds, with luminous blue/orange colours and light-up wheels.'



SQUISH 12" BALANCE BIKE

From: MV SPORTS & LEISURE

Age: 2+ Price: £179.99

Balance today, pedal tomorrow.

Help little riders master balance with the Squish Balance Bike, building confidence before they're ready to ride without stabilisers. Lightweight and easy to handle, children can scoot, glide and develop coordination naturally. With a low frame and simple rear brake, it's the perfect first step to riding a bicycle.

Testers say:

'Love this! The tyres ride smoothly on pavements and cope well on uneven surfaces. The carry handle is super handy and the stickers for decorating are a fun extra.'

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XOOTZ – DIZZY DODGER BUMPER CAR – ELECTRIC RIDE-ON

From: WILTON BRADLEY

Age: 18 months+

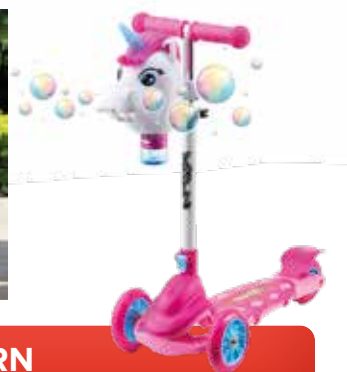
Price: £130

Fast and furious fairground fun.

Buckle up for bumper fun! The Dizzy Dodger brings fairground thrills home with 360° spins powered by twin 25W motors and 6V battery power. LED lights, intuitive steering and remote parental control keep play safe yet exciting. Roll and bump indoors or out, turning play time into an exhilarating spectacle.

Testers say:

'Like a disco on wheels, it's just massively fun. It needs a smooth surface and is even better with another dodgem to bump into. We were impressed by the battery life.'



XOOTZ – UNICORN BUBBLE GO SCOOTER WHITE/PINK

From: WILTON BRADLEY

Age: 2+

Price: £39.99

Bubble trails and unicorn magic.

Sparkle and scoot with this cool unicorn scooter that turns the school run into a colourful bubble-filled blast! It has an adjustable, foldable design, stable three-wheel base and soft grips to ensure safe, confident riding for beginners. But the most magical feature is the unicorn bubble blaster on the handlebars!

Testers say:

'Impossible to miss, this scooter is the brightest of pinks and super flashy, with bubbles streaming in the wind as little ones scoot. Any child's dream ride!'



ZOOMEE BALANCE BIKE TO TRIKE

From: **ZOOMEE BY TP TOYS**

Age: 18 months+

Price: £34.99

Big fun on a safe, supportive ride.

From first wobble to confident cruising, this 2-in-1 balance bike-to-trike is a perfect first ride. Finished in a fresh green colour, it's ready for every adventure, with non-scratch wheels suitable for both indoor and outdoor use. Soft-grip handles, an adjustable seat and expandable rear wheels ensure it grows with your child.

Testers say:

'My little one, who's just learning to balance, took to this so quickly! It's so light and easy to put together.'



XOOTZ SNOOTZ FOOT TO FLOOR RIDE-ON

From: **WILTON BRADLEY**

Age: 18 months+

Price: £39.99

Monsters made magic.

Hold on tight, the Snootz have landed! These quirky foot-to-floor riders bring playful monsters to life for toddlers. Each character has silly sounds, smooth spinning wheels and a hidden storage seat for treasures, encouraging imaginative games and epic journeys across Snootzland.

Testers say:

'The bright, crazy colours, big smile (and bigger teeth!) give it so much personality. It's been great for creative zooming around the house.'



HOT WHEELS RACER RIDE ON

From: **MV SPORTS & LEISURE**

Age: 2+

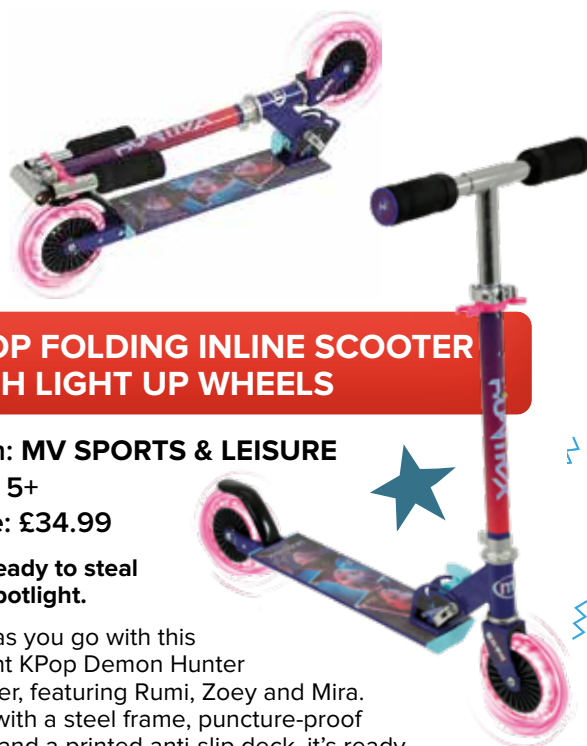
Price: £29.99

Cool ride-on for kids who love pole position.

Straight from the Grand Prix grid to the garden track, Hot Wheels puts little drivers in pole position at the wheel. It comes complete with exciting horn and engine sounds, chunky tread tyres, a comfort-moulded steering wheel with interactive buttons and a sturdy frame designed for little racers up to 25kg.

Testers say:

'Cool branding and truly enticing for kids already dreaming of being the fastest and winning trophies. We even set up a mini racetrack. Our little ones especially enjoyed the different noises and it's very stable and sturdy, giving them lots of extra confidence.'



KPOP FOLDING INLINE SCOOTER WITH LIGHT UP WHEELS

From: **MV SPORTS & LEISURE**

Age: 5+

Price: £34.99

Get ready to steal the spotlight.

Sing as you go with this vibrant KPop Demon Hunter scooter, featuring Rumi, Zoey and Mira. Built with a steel frame, puncture-proof tyres and a printed anti-slip deck, it's ready for a takedown. Features include light-up wheels, adjustable handlebars and a foldable design.

Testers say:

'Perfect for fans of the movie! The design is eye-catching and the light-up wheels make riding seem extra-special.'

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GIFTIE BADGE MAKER

From: **CHARACTER OPTIONS**

Age: 5+

Price: £34.99

Design fun you can wear.

Explore your creativity with this purple badge-making kit that crafts custom badges in seconds. The set includes a badge maker, covers, backs, films, design-your-own and ready-made disks, along with a badge cutter template and instructions. Simply rotate, press and create personalised badges for friends, parties and lots of fashion fun.

Testers say:

'The kids loved designing personalised badges for cousins and friends. A little pressure is needed to clip badges together but they're easy and sturdy once mastered.'



PEN MAKER MAGIC DELUXE

From:

CURIOUS UNIVERSE

Age: 6+

Price: £15

Personalise your very own pen.

Add some sparkle to your stationery with this creative kit where children design and decorate 10 one-of-a-kind pens, including a rainbow ink pen and a light-up pen. Packed with beads, charms, crystals and sequins, there are endless ways to personalise everyday pens to use in further creative projects, or to take to school and share with friends.

Testers say:

'Our children were thrilled at the idea of personalising their pens to their very own design specifications! Easy to set up, great for independent play and the recyclable packaging was appreciated.'



DROPLETS ULTIMATE BEAD CREATION CASE CRAFT SET

From: **ADDO PLAY LTD**

Age: 4+

Price: £10

Spray and play with beads.

Create colourful designs with over 2600 water-activated beads in this crafty case. Simply place beads on the board, follow a template or your imagination, then spray with water to make them stick. Includes tweezers, spray bottle and playboards for endless crafting, decorating and gifting.

Testers say:

'This is a perfect playdate activity, but also fun to play alone. Cute templates, lots of creative freedom, minimal mess, good value – and no adult supervision needed!'





BAMBINO MIO ELITE POTTY TRAINING PANTS

From: **BAMBINO MIO**

Age: 2-5 years

Price: £7.99

Comfortable, reliable and cute!

These washable training pants combine everyday comfort with reliable protection. A soft, stretchy fit allows toddlers to move freely, while the stitched-in cotton absorbent core and discreet waterproof layer help contain small leaks. Unlike a nappy, they allow little ones to recognise when they're wet, encouraging body awareness and independence.

Testers say:

'These are comfortable, not too bulky, and stay absorbent through playtime and daytime naps. The patterns are cute and encourage little ones to want to put their training pants on.'



WATER BABIES BUBBA FLOATBOARD

From: **WATER BABIES**

Age: Birth+

Price: £12

Learn to float with confidence.

Make waves from the very first splash with this colourful floatboard, designed to build water confidence through fun and play. Crafted from durable high-density foam with easy-grip sides for little hands, it encourages kicking, balance and coordination. Fun-loving Bubba is also a great icebreaker for nervous swimmers.

Testers say:

'The bright colours made it really easy to spot in a busy pool, and practising kicking and keeping their arms straight felt like playtime rather than lessons for our kids.'



TIDY TOT BIB & TRAY KIT

From: **TIDY TOT**

Age: 6 months+

Price: £36.95

Sensory play kit to transform mealtimes.



Cleaner, calmer mealtimes? Yes please! This clever sensory food tray turns feeding into fun, hands-on discovery. Designed for baby-led weaning, it encourages little ones to explore tastes and textures independently. With an easy-clean design, a spill-catching bib and a larger surface area, food stays on the tray, helping reduce waste.

Testers say:

'My little one has the freedom to explore new foods with this! It really encourages creativity at mealtimes and keeps spills off clothes and the floor. It certainly made mealtime less messy!'

TONIC BABY MULTIVITAMIN DROPS

From: **TONIC**

Age: 6 months – 3 years

Price: £10

Big nutrition for small people.

These all-in-one baby vitamin drops support healthy development from the very earliest months. With 14 essential nutrients, including NHS-recommended Vitamin D3, they help support growth, immunity, brain development and strong bones. No added sugar, preservatives or artificial ingredients are included.

Testers say:

'The pipette is easy to use and can be mixed into food or given directly. Peach and banana flavour is tangy, so dilute for small babies.'





EARLY LEARNING CENTRE WOODEN ACTIVITY WORKBENCH

From: **ADDO PLAY LTD**

Age: 12 months+

Price: £40

Build hand skills and walking confidence.

Little builders, report for duty! This colourful wooden workbench/walker features 22 engaging accessories, including a shape sorter, clock, chalkboard, spinning beads and tools for twisting, turning and sawing. Designed to inspire hands-on exploration, it supports early development while helping little ones build confidence as they take their first steps.

Testers say:

'We love the colours and variety of activities, while handy storage keeps everything together. Best of all, it grows with your child, offering lasting play value.'



SMARTMAX - MY FIRST ANIMALS AROUND THE WORLD

From: **SMART TOYS AND GAMES**

Age: 1-5 years

Price: £19.99

Animal magic!

Wild imagination starts here. This magnetic game is the starting point for crazy mix-and-match animal creations from across the world – from icy Arctic friends to jungle favourites and desert dwellers. Create silly new animals, build stories and travel through habitats. Soft, safe pieces store neatly in a handy zip-up carry case.

Testers say:

'Combining a gorilla and a whale caused much hilarity! The wacky creations are so much fun, offering plenty of scope for innovative games.'



OUT AND ABOUT BUGGY FLASHCARDS

From: **ORCHARD TOYS**

Age: 9 months+

Price: £8

Fun on the run.

Make every outing a mini learning mission with these flashcards that attach easily, just like a keyring, to pushchairs, strollers or changing bags. Featuring 10 double-sided, chunky, wipe-clean cards, they showcase familiar sights to build vocabulary, observation skills and curiosity during everyday adventures outdoors.

Testers say:

'Our toddlers learnt new words like "apple" and "plane" from the flashcards. They're sturdy, durable, well printed and offer a great range of vocabulary.'



WATER BABIES CLOUDFISH SOFT TOY

From: **WATER BABIES**

Age: Birth+

Price: £15

The fish you can cuddle!

Say hello to a cuddle-ready cloud with a splash of rainbow magic. This soft Cloudfish teddy is made from baby-safe materials, offering comfort and companionship from birth. It joins the Water Babies storytelling world alongside Bubba the Whale, and is perfect for pram rides, naps and bedtime snuggles.

Testers say:

'Sweet and adorable to cuddle, this is designed for small children as a land-based swimming adventure companion – and acts as a good introduction to water-based activities further down the line.'



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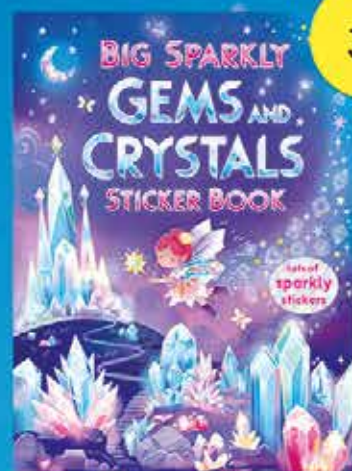
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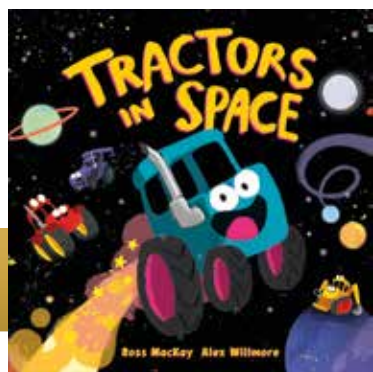
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TRACTORS IN SPACE



From: **DK**
Age: 3+
Price: £7.99

Farmyard fun meets space adventure.

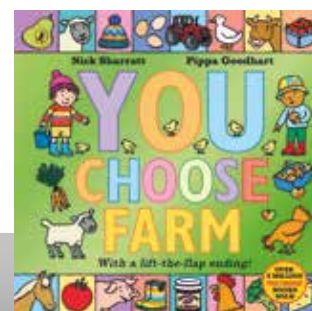
Blast off for farmyard fun with Toby the tractor, who travels beyond the fields and flowers – rocketing into space on a hilarious, heart-warming adventure. Along the way he zips through asteroids, discovers friendly aliens and explores the solar system. It's funny and playful with delightful illustrations.

Testers say:

'We enjoyed this as a bedtime story and the kids loved the quirky idea of tractors flying around in space – creative and very entertaining.'



YOU CHOOSE FARM



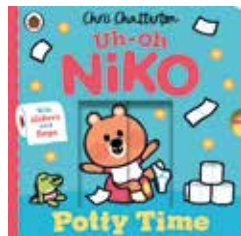
From: **PENGUIN RANDOM HOUSE**
Age: Birth – 3 years
Price: £7.99

Create your own perfect farm day.

Life on the farm is in your hands! Little readers decide everything, from which wellies to wear, to whether to stroke a donkey or a pig, and who lives in which home. Packed with playful rhymes and bold illustrations, this interactive story invites toddlers to choose their own adventure.

Testers say:

'Fun picture book with flaps and sounds. Our children loved spotting familiar animals and making their noises. Great for toddlers and as it's not too long it kept them really engaged.'



UH-OH NIKO: POTTY TIME

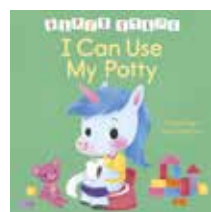
From: **PENGUIN RANDOM HOUSE**
Age: 2 – 5 years
Price: £7.99

Celebrate the small wins.

Off to the potty, little bear! Join lovable bear Niko as he swaps nappies for pants and discovers the route to toilet training through playful flaps and sliders. A reassuring role model for little ones, Niko shows that trying again builds confidence. This sturdy, interactive board book celebrates independence.

Testers say:

'My son loved the flaps and sliders! An entertaining read with fun pictures to make potty training less daunting.'



FIRST STEPS: I CAN USE MY POTTY

From: **ARCTURUS PUBLISHING**
Age: 2+
Price: £5.99

A magical route to potty confidence.

Potty time becomes a magical milestone with the help of Lily the unicorn and her supportive dinosaur friend Kai as they navigate potty training with gentle encouragement. This comforting story helps toddlers understand signals and cleanliness while building confidence.

Testers say:

'This shows how friends-with-special-powers can make potty training easier and even fun!'



TEN MINUTES TO BED: LITTLE BEAR

From: **PENGUIN RANDOM HOUSE**
Age: 2 – 6 years
Price: £7.99

Bedtime bear story to share.

Settle in for a cosy bedtime adventure with Barney the bear! When his perfect porridge-loving routine is disrupted, he sets off through the forest in search of the comfiest bed he can find. Meeting friendly animals along the way, he learns that sometimes home is just right. A soothing rhyming countdown to sleep.

Testers say:

'We adored the big bear pictures and bedtime countdown – it works well.'





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BRIDGE OR BUST

From: **UPPER STORY LLC**

Age: 8+

Price: £140.39

Build it. Test it. Nail it.

A smart, hands-on engineering kit allowing kids to build bridges using beams, nodes, roads and pillars. Follow challenges in the puzzle book, then test designs with a wind-up car. Neat storage, sturdy parts (with plenty of spares) and real problem solving make it a long lasting family activity for creative builders.

Testers say:

'Children, especially ones with a passion for construction, will love this, particularly once they have grasped the mechanics and can freestyle their designs.'



CONNETIX PRO 70 PIECE CONSTRUCTOR SET

From: **CONNETIX**

Age: 8+

Price: £119

Unlock pro-level play.

Ready to level up building? These advanced magnetic tiles are imaginatively designed to enable complex projects, from rockets to cranes and robots. With cool colours and ultra-strong magnets, this pro set has a sleek, premium look that will really appeal to older kids.

Testers say:

'Super slick and sophisticated – the set even includes a business card with a QR code linking to online instructions for three different builds.'



CONNETIX 28 PIECE LIGHT STAR PACK

From: **CONNETIX**

Age: 3+

Price: £59

Magnetic magic that glows.

Turn dark nights into glowing worlds with vibrant magnetic shapes and a rechargeable light-up tile. This set lets kids create dazzling builds that shine long after the lights go out. Perfect for cosy evenings, magical forts and radiant bedtime play, it's a fun way to colour the night with wonder.

Testers say:

'The light is the coolest feature, glowing different colours depending on shape and design. It's both a bedroom decoration and a playful building toy. As well as being colourful and exciting to look at, this is also a highly educational toy, allowing children to experiment with shapes and designs.'



CONNETIX 48 PIECE PASTEL PORTALS PACK

From: **CONNETIX**

Age: 3+

Price: £79

Build brighter with pastel power.

Build magnetic with three versatile tile sizes, Smart-Spin mini squares that rotate 360° and open-frame portal tiles in pretty pastel shades. Kids can experiment with tunnels, structures, patterns and unique creations of their own.

Testers say:

'We love how all CONNETIX sets combine into one epic building extravaganza – towers, castles, rockets. The pastel palette is lovely, with windows a new design obsession. Our kids were happily absorbed for long periods and they also enjoyed playing together, creating highly imaginative constructions, to knock down and begin again.'



SMART GAMES – HANSEL & GRETEL



From: **SMART TOYS & GAMES**

Age: 5 – 8 years

Price: £19.99

Clever twist on a classic tale.

Join Hansel and Gretel on a magical fairytale escape! Children help the famous siblings find their way out of an enchanted garden by sliding puzzle pieces and solving clever challenges. The game features 60 brain-teasing puzzles in a challenge booklet, along with an appealing picture book that retells the classic story.

Testers say:

'An appealing, hands-on twist on the classic Grimm fairytale. Escaping from the witch adds real tension, and we enjoyed the picture book for telling stories from different character perspectives.'



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BLUEY GOOD TIMES WOODEN GAMES SET



From: **ADDO PLAY LTD**

Age: 3+

Price: £9

Board games with Bluey.

Invite Bluey to game time with this 2-in-1 wooden set featuring Snakes 'n' Ladders and Tic Tac Toe. Flip the board for double the fun, using chunky Bluey-themed pieces and dice. Made from sustainably sourced wood, it encourages screen-free play, friendly competition, strategic thinking, patience and shared laughter with friends.

Testers say:

'We were impressed by the sturdy playing pieces which are made of wood, so they are highly durable. Our kids loved the vibrant colours. Great beginner games which really helped to encourage children to play in an interactive way.'



STARTS WITH ENDS WITH



From: **CHARACTER OPTIONS**

Age: 3+

Price: £21.99

Spin, spell, shout, grab!

Let the letter challenge begin! Spin the double alphabet roulette and race to think quick as wild word combos appear. Shout a word starting and ending with the random letters, then grab a blue token. Quick thinking, laughter and lively rivalry decide who wins the most tokens in this fast-paced game.

Testers say:

'This is a perfect toy for rainy days or for when friends come over for a playdate. Our kids all loved it and returned to it again and again. A competitive, fast game that keeps everyone on their toes. Best played with similar ages, and we made it more exciting by swapping tokens for sweets!'

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HAPE - LITTLE DOCTORS MEDICAL SET

From: **SMART TOYS & GAMES**

Age: 3 – 8

Price: £34.99

Scrubs on, let's get checking.

Paging all future doctors! This medical playset includes an interactive X-ray machine (requires batteries), squeezable blood pressure cuff, stethoscope, thermometer and more. Bright colours and detailed medical tools keep children engaged as they tend to their patients. Complete with a handy storage bag for portable play.

Testers say:

'Lots of great resources in the set, especially the X-ray machine, which kids enjoyed using to check their teddies' injuries, plus the fun bandage roll.'



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ACTIVE TOTS 4-IN-1 WOODEN PLAY TABLE

From: **MOOKIE TOYS**

Age: 12 months+

Price: £119.99

One table, countless ways to play.

From messy masterpieces to doodles and discoveries this 4-in-1 toddler table transforms from a play surface into a building station, chalkboard or even a sensory tray. Crafted from durable, sustainably sourced pinewood with a child-safe, water-resistant finish, it encourages building, creating, drawing and tactile exploration in one single space.

Testers say:

'Versatile and good value! We've used it for building bricks (it's Lego compatible), crafts, drawing and sensory play with sand and water. The neutral colours look lovely.'



BREAKFAST IN BED TRAY

From: **BIGJIGS TOYS**

Age: 2+

Price: £24.99

Start the day the playful way!

Rise and shine – breakfast is served! You won't go hungry with this 28-piece wooden food set that is bursting with morning favourites, from a flaky croissant and fresh fruit to yogurt, jam, milk and a cosy hot drink. Complete with a tray and cutlery, it's crafted from responsibly sourced wood.

Testers say:

'A roleplay dream – even being woken for surprise breakfast in bed! We had fun chats about different breakfasts people eat beyond the usual toast and cereal. We liked the chunky, colourful wooden pieces – and they came in useful in lots of other role play games as well as breakfast in bed!'





PANCAKE SET

From: **BIGJIGS TOYS**

Age: 18 months+

Price: £24.99

Layer, stack and serve.

Create the ultimate pretend dessert bar with this 16-piece wooden Pancake Set, complete with pancakes, frying pan, spatula and delicious felt toppings including strawberries, bananas, blueberries and chocolate spread. Little chefs can stack and serve sweet creations, boosting imagination and creativity while learning early baking and serving skills.

Testers say:

'Mix-and-match toppings are fun, along with pretend cooking with the pan and spatula. The wooden parts feel durable and the whole set looks appealing for little ones.'



GENERATIONAL FAMILY DOLLS

From: **BIGJIGS TOYS**

Age: 18 months+

Price: £19.99

Mini family made for play.

Step into a world of make-believe family fun with this endearing wooden doll set that includes grandparents, parents, children and a dog – perfect for storytelling play. The figures can be taken out and about or used in doll house games, acting out everyday family moments and creating playful scenarios.

Testers say:

'These traditional dolls are perfectly sized for smaller hands. Although the packaging says 18 months + we found them ideal for children around three years old, who'll enjoy interacting with the different family members.'



HAPPYLAND WINDMILL FARM PLAYSET

From: **ADDO PLAY LTD**

Age: 2+

Price: £60

Where fun and stories grow.

For farmyard fun and happy imagining, pay a visit to Windmill Farm! Turn the windmill to play a cheerful melody, swing open the doors and discover animals, characters, carts and comfy beds. Feed the animals, hop on the tractor and build creative farmyard adventures that encourage playful exploration.

Testers say:

'Engaging play pieces, especially the horse and cart. Lots of characters made storytelling easy, and the windmill tune was cute.'



GLIMMER THE GLOWING UNICORN PLUSH SET

From: **SNUGSHINE**

Age: 3 – 7 years

Price: £49.97

Unicorn dreams light the night.

Discover a dreamy world of glow-in-the-dark magic with Glimmer the Unicorn, featuring a rainbow mane, glittery horn and soothing bedtime glow. The plush set comes with a storybook (filled with glitter, marshmallows and rainbows) and an image projector torch, transforming bedtime into a calming experience filled with wonder.

Testers say:

'A stunning gift that's beautifully packaged. It's like a multi-sensory experience in a box, with the unicorn plushie and projector bringing the story to life. Truly magical and the storybook filled with glittery goodies was a real bonus for our kids.'



ZOOMEE 4 IN 1 DELUXE TRIKE

From: ZOOMEE BY TP TOYS

Age: 10 months+

Price: £89.99

A safe, thrilling, versatile ride.

Let the good times roll with this 4-in-1 deluxe trike that adapts through four stages, supporting children from 10 to 30 months as they learn to steer and pedal with confidence. Parental control steering offers safety while letting kids explore, with secure harness, safety bar, supportive seat and smooth shock resistant wheels.

Testers say:

'We love the thoughtful details like the cup holder, adjustable handle, storage space, UV cover and handy bag straps. Feels like an adventure when we go out.'



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WINNIE THE POOH DELUXE BOBBLE RIDE ON

From: MV SPORTS & LEISURE

Age: 12 months+

Price: £34.99

A wheel-y sweet adventure with Pooh.

Join Winnie the Pooh for a honey-filled ride-on adventure in the Hundred Acre Wood. Featuring beloved characters and a fun plaque, it's built for indoor and outdoor play. With comfy handles, ergonomic seat and puncture-proof wheels, it supports balance, confidence and early coordination on the move.

Testers say:

'Our kids loved the pretty pastel colours of this adorable ride-on. They were excited by the idea of going on adventures with Winnie the Pooh. We were impressed by the construction: it's stable and sturdy and very easy to assemble. It's also compact in size, but there's still plenty of room for growing toddlers. It's super-easy to store away when not in use too.'



SNOOZESHADE PLUS EXTRA

From: SNOOZESHADE

Age: 6 months – 4 years

Price: £35

Comfort and shade – anytime, anywhere.

Enjoy stress-free sunny-day strolls with this roomy buggy cover that works as a sunshade, nap cover and insect net for any child using a stroller seat at any age. UPF 50+ mesh blocks UV, whilst allowing airflow and privacy! It's easy to fit and adapts until children outgrow buggy use.

Testers say:

'We tested this during one of the heatwaves this summer and it was a godsend in the hot weather. It works perfectly as a shade-on-the-go without being claustrophobic on hot days. It is suitable for a wide age range and the net is especially effective in keeping insects away. This is a brilliant way to keep little ones cool, safe and comfortable in the hot sun.'





EARLY LEARNING CENTRE SAND AND WATER TABLE WITH LID AND ACCESSORIES

From: **ADDO PLAY LTD**

Age: 18 months+

Price: £60

Sand-sational splash and playtime fun.

Bring seaside adventures straight into your back garden with this vibrant sand and water play station. Pour, dig, spin and splash across two sensory zones with tons of fun accessories including boats, funnels, wheels and digging tools, plus a lid that transforms into a racetrack. The perfect addition to a summer's day.

Testers say:

'Sturdy, well-designed with well-sealed drainage plugs and extra toys – especially the water wheels. The racetrack lid is fun for games and adds massive play value.'



PICKLEBALL ALL SURFACE SWINGBALL

From: **SWINGBALL**

Age: 6+

Price: £30

Pickle your battles and swing into action!

With a weighted base for stability, this portable pickleball set turns any flat surface into a game zone. Players serve, return and rally the ball up and down the spiral pole, aiming to outplay their opponent and reach the winning end first. A fast, active outdoor game for all ages.

Testers say:

'This really encourages healthy, outdoor play and it's perfect for camping trips. We took it away with us and found it was a great way for our kids to make friends – everyone wanted to have a go and join in for some fast and furious fun. The height-adjustable pole makes it versatile for a wider age group. It packs away neatly for easy storage.'



OUT AND ABOUT 2 IN 1 BUBBLE & WATER BLASTER

From: **ADDO PLAY LTD**

Age: 4+

Price: £15

Water fights bursting with bubble magic.

Get ready for bubbly backyard chaos and endless laughs! Insert batteries, attach the bubble solution bottle, aim and fire jets of water and streams of bubbles. Perfect for outdoor play in gardens and parks, this gets kids running, dodging and competing as they chase bursts of bubbles and aim for splashy hits.

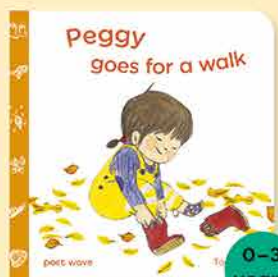
Testers say:

'Brilliant dual feature! The kids spent ages blasting bubbles out the window and watching them drift away as well as soaking each other in the garden. It was a great help in keeping them cool during the recent hot weather and also a very good way of encouraging group play.'





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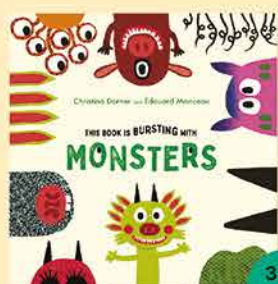
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SCRUNCHEMS SUGAR DUMPLING

From: **ONE FOR FUN/HGL**

Age: 3+

Price: £2.99

Dumpling delight in every squeeze.

Lift the lid and discover a sweet, steamy surprise tucked inside a traditional bamboo steaming basket. This soft, squishy fidget comes in five fun styles, including a glowing glitter edition. Perfect for squeezing, collecting and gently easing stress in the most comforting way!

Testers say:

'The steamy surprise is the best part! The squish is also good (not too watery) and the bamboo basket is great for kitchen games and storing trinkets. Fun to collect and swap.'



MAKE YOUR OWN SUSHI. SLIME AND PUTTY

From: **ONE FOR FUN/HGL**

Age: 6+

Price: £4.99

Hands-on squishy sushi slime!



Get ready for some squishy sushi fun! This creative slime kit lets kids mould and shape colourful putty into sushi-inspired creations. Including themed accessories and handy tongs for sculpting, it encourages hands-on creativity. It's messy, goopy, stretchy and fun, and once air-dried, homemade sushi is ready for kitchen roleplay games.

Testers say:

'Loved the variety of coloured putty and mini chopsticks for imaginative play after making sushi pieces. Resealable bags are great for keeping everything fresh. Fun, good value.'



MY MINI BABY DISNEY SERIES 1

From: **ZURU**

Age: 3+

Price: £9.99

Mini babies, maximum fun.

My Mini Baby combines Disney magic with collectible fun. Each capsule reveals a tiny soft-touch silicone baby with hand-painted details, themed accessories and a matching mini playset inspired by characters like Stitch, Moana and Winnie the Pooh. There are six surprise babies to collect and each one comes with its own storytelling charm.



Testers say:

'Super realistic and incredibly detailed. The girls loved the unboxing and enjoyed building a house for baby Moana and pushing her in the pram with Pua.'



SLIME MART SMALL BAGS

From: **ZURU**

Age: 6+

Price: £6.99

Shape your own designer donut.

A sensory hands-on craft that lets kids mould slime into realistic donuts, paint on a 'fried' finish, then decorate with slime icing and sprinkles. All kids love sensory squishy toys, and once crafted the finished designer donut becomes an appetising accessory in kitchen games.

Testers say:

'Fun and messy (in the best way!) and there was some great collaboration between our kids on how to make the donuts look authentic. The icing and sprinkles were a great hit – they all loved creating the final touches to make them look appetising! The instructions were generally good but unclear on drying time.'

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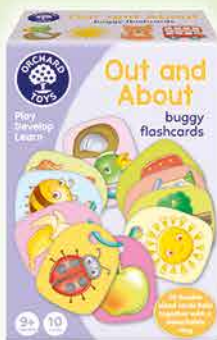
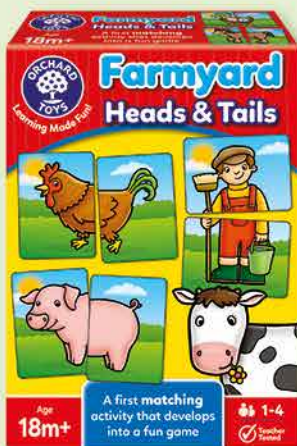
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