



Teaching Road Safety: Early Years (aged 2 to 5)

Key themes for Early Years

- Traffic recognition
- Understand the difference between the footpath and the road.
- Know to walk with a grown up and hold hands when near or crossing a road
- Introduce Stop, Look, Listen.
- Car seats and safety belts
- Be bright be seen
- Getting lost and safe places to play

Resources listed below help you meet foundation stage learning requirements and help development of motor and creative skills, language skills, understanding of the world and their personal, social and emotional development.

Department of Education – Think! Website

<http://think.direct.gov.uk/education/early-years-and-primary/teachers/early-years/>

Click on 'Lesson ideas'. Fun activity ideas (with links to interactive resources in the pupils' area and home - link sheets) on these five road safety themes: What's on the road?, the car set a click, keep hold!, Stop look and listen and Bright is right.

Think Shop!

For free leaflets and posters, lesson packs, colouring sheets, etc

<http://think.direct.gov.uk/resource-centre/>

- Crossing the road safely with an adult (includes a useful poster)
- Be bright be seen
- How to behave near traffic
- In car safety
- What's on the road? (Includes a useful poster)

Brake Road Safety Charity

Teaching Road Safety: Guide for Educators

<http://www.brake.org.uk/educators>

See pages 6 and 7 for Early Years teaching ideas. Additional options include taking part in your own Beep Beep! Day (free resource pack) and Brake's national Road Safety Week (free action pack) in November and Giant Walking Bus event in June. See also letter re new car seat

<http://www.brake.org.uk/beepbeepday>

<http://www.roadsafetyweek.org.uk/>

<http://www.brake.org.uk/walkingbus>

Rospa

See Family Safety Week resources (focuses on protecting some of the most vulnerable members of the community — babies, toddlers and children under five). Poster and activity sheets at:

<http://www.rospa.com/campaigns-fundraising/family-safety-week/free-resources/>

See the Child Car Seat website for all you need to know about the law and related issues.

<http://www.childcarseats.org.uk/>

North Yorkshire County Council, Road Safety & Travel Awareness

Road Safety in the Primary Curriculum: Resources for Key Stage 1 and 2

<http://www.roadwise.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/Road-Safety-in-the-Primary-Curriculum.pdf>

Activities covering walking on the pavement, identify the kerb, see traffic on the road, walk not run. Re Stop, look listen, suggest drawing a pavement on the floor using chalk and use a rope for imaginary kerb. Demonstrate and involve children (in pairs holding hands) crossing road.

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