



Recordable Small World Environment Scape Mats

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In this review, Stephanie Cunningham (Mrs C Classroom), shares with us her thoughts on the Recordable Small Environment Scape Mats and some of the ways she has used them with the children in her Reception Class.



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As a Reception teacher, I am always looking for fun resources that help children use their imagination and develop their speaking and listening skills. The TTS Recordable Small World Environment Scape Play Mat Bundle has become a favourite in my classroom.

The bundle includes four mats: **Polar, Woodland, Beach & Sea, and Safari**. Each mat has hidden **recordable buttons** that look like rocks, making small world play even more exciting. What makes these mats special is that the buttons play sounds. Children can hear **environmental noises** such as wind in the trees on the Woodland mat or icy winds on the Polar mat.

The buttons can also be rerecorded with up to **10 seconds of custom audio**, allowing adults and children to add their own sounds and messages.



Here are three examples of how I have used the mats:

1. Child-Led Storytelling

Children use the mats with small world, loose parts, and natural materials during free play. The sounds inspire them to create stories and adventures. They record character voices or animal noises and enjoy sharing their recordings with us and their friends.

2. Understanding of the world

When learning about insects, I recorded clues onto the buttons. For example, on the woodland mat, a button might say, "I have 8 legs and spin webs, and I live here. What am I?" Children listen to the clues and place the correct insect on the mat. This turns learning into a fun, interactive game.

3. Phonics Practice

The mats are also great for phonics. I record sounds or segmented words such as "c-a-t" and "sh-i-p". Children listen, blend the sounds together, and then place an object or toy in the correct area of the mat.

Overall

The mats are well made, durable and highly engaging. They encourage imaginative play, support language development, and can be used across many areas of learning. They have become a valuable and versatile resource in my Reception classroom.



Many thanks to Stephanie Cunningham - Mrs C Classroom for sharing this review with us.