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Lewis, aged
two (left),
and one-
year-old
Douglas
Johnson
get to grips
with the
JCB tractor

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CREEPS CLOSER,
RACHEL MURPHY
HAS TRAWLED THE SHOPS
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Toy story

BRAIN-BOOSTING

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CREATIVE

**K'Nex Roll N Go Pals
Trolley Case, 3 plus**
(£29.97, Tesco Direct,
www.tesco.com 0845
600 4411) A clever idea
for youngsters on the
move. The kit is packed
with K'Nex building
pieces to make models
based on the travel theme – and they all
fit into a handy wheely case.



**Soft Stuff Fairy
Wonderland, 3-8 years**
(£8, Early Learning Centre,
www.elc.co.uk)



Everything you need to
mould colourful dough
fairies with hair, hands,
feet and stick-on wings.
There's an alien adventure
version for boys, too.

**Flair Paper FX,
7 plus** (£25,
Additions Direct,
[www.additions
direct.co.uk](http://www.additions
direct.co.uk)

0870 413 5000) A
top-selling toy this
year – and it's
environmentally friendly, too. The kit lets
creative kids transform old magazines
and papers into woven purses, coasters,
bags and trinket boxes.



**Junior Tradesman
First House, 6 plus**
(£19.99, HippyChick,
www.hippychick.com



01278 434440) An
award-winning toy that
allows kids to safely
get their hands dirty and
build their own house with real clay bricks
and non-toxic brick mix.

**Cella Magnet and Sticker Machine,
5 plus** (£29.97, Tesco Direct,
www.tesco.com 0845 600 4411) Kids
can turn pictures into
stickers or magnets
by inserting them in
the machine and
giving it a twist.
Mess-free and
easy to use.

