

Communication and Language



Key areas:

- Listening and attention
- Understanding
- Speaking

This area of learning:

- encourages your child to develop conversation skills and to interact both verbally and non-verbally
- helps to develop your child's vocabulary
- will give your child the skills he/she needs to be able to describe, explain and expand his/her ideas
- provides your child with opportunities to share his/her ideas
- will help your child to develop good listening and concentration skills
- will encourage your child to ask questions
- will help your child to understand how stories work

You can help your child by:

- sharing and 'reading' books, signs and labels together
- making a comfortable area where your child can sit and enjoy books
- showing your child that you use books for reference, and helping his/her to find information from books
- talking about the pictures, characters and events in your child's favourite books
- reading and telling stories to your child
- enjoying the repetition of stories and nursery rhymes together



Things to try at home:

- share stories with your child on a one-to-one basis and as part of a group
- make role-play areas together where you can introduce different types of writing, such as a shop, station or café
- give your child simple instructions and requests to follow e.g. collecting specific items when shopping.