

Communication and Language



Listening and attention

- Listens to others one to one or in small groups, when conversation interests them.
- Can focus attention and follow directions.
- Joins in with and anticipates repeated words and phrases in rhymes and stories.
- Maintains attention, concentrates and sits quietly during appropriate activity.

Understanding

- Shows understanding of prepositions such as 'under', 'on top' and 'behind'.
- Responds to instructions involving a two-part sequence.
- Beginning to understand 'why' and 'how' questions.

Speaking

- Beginning to use more complex sentences including 'and' and 'because'.

- Recalls and relives past experiences and can retell a past event in order.
- Uses talk to connect ideas, explain what is happening and anticipate what might happen next.
- Questions why things happen and gives explanations.
- Uses intonation, rhythm and phrasing to make meaning clear to others.
- Builds up a vocabulary that reflects the breadth of their experience and uses vocabulary focussed on objects and people that are important to them.
- Introduces a storyline or narrative into their play.