

Our educational programme

Continuous Provision

Communication and language

Being able to speak clearly and process speech sounds, to understand others, to express ideas and interact with others are fundamental building blocks for a child's development. Speech and language skills underpin many other areas of children's development and provides a strong foundation for other areas of learning, such as reading and writing and enabling access to the whole curriculum. We provide children opportunities to experience a rich language environment, develop their confidence and skills in expressing themselves and speak and listen in a range of situations. The children love stories, rhymes and singing. During frequent storytelling sessions the children develop listening and communication skills, improve their concentration and memory, bring experiences alive, make sense of the world, create a sense of wonder and help sequence events.

We use Makaton signs, symbols and speech to help children and adults communicate and to aid spoken language. These are used in conjunction with one another to support children who have no speech or those whose speech is unclear. Makaton helps children to improve their communication skills and make sure their opinions are expressed. It also encourages children to develop their language skills by putting words together.

Here a just a few of the activities children access regularly to support their communication and language.



COUNTING SONGS

- Here is the Beehive
- 5 Currant Buns
- 5 Green, Speckled Frogs
- 5 Little Ducks
- 5 Jellyfish
- The Ants Go Marching
- One Grey Elephant Balancing
- One, Two, Buckle My Shoe
- 5 Cheeky Monkeys Jumping On The Bed
- There Were Ten In The Bed
- 10 Cheeky Monkeys Swinging in the Tree
- One Potato, Two Potato
- 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Once I Caught a Fish Alive
- Johnny Works With One Hammer
- 10 Fat Sausages



Areas of learning covered during Expressive Art & Design: Communication & Language; Personal, Social and Emotional; Physical, Numeracy, Literacy, Understanding the World, Expressive Art and Design.