# DEVELOPMENTAL MILESTONES



# 6 TO 12 MONTHS

#### RECEPTIVE

Responds to their name
Responds to 'no'
Turns their head to look for a sound
Shows anticipation for what will happen



Use gestures (e.g. pointing to what they want)

Copy actions (e.g. waving 'bye')
Babble or vocalise sounds (e.g. ooo)
Combine sounds to make syllables (e.g. baba)

Seek attention from others



# 1 TO 2 YEARS

#### RECEPTIVE

Points to pictures in books
Identifies common objects and body parts
Responds to 'No' or 'Stop'
Understands simple instructions (e.g. 'come
here', 'show me')

#### EXPRESSIVE

First words!

Copies actions, sounds and words
Uses words to ask for objects or attention
Uses 50-200 words by 2 years of age
Combines 2 words together



## 2 TO 3 YEARS

#### RECEPTIVE

Understands simple instructions
with: location (e.g. on, off, under),
description (e.g. big/little,
same/different) and quantity (e.g.
more, empty, one)
Understands 'what' and 'where'
questions

#### EXPRESSIVE

Combines 3-4 words into a sentence
Asks questions (e.g. 'What is it?')
Answers simple 'what' and 'where'
questions
Answers 'yes' or 'no'



### 3 TO 3.5 YEARS

#### RECEPTIVE

Understands 'who' questions
Understands verbs (e.g. run, kick, swing)
Identifies colours and describing words
Understands negatives (e.g. 'It's not there')

#### EXPRESSIVE

Uses over 800 words
Answers 'who', 'what' and 'where' questions
Puts 3–5 words together to form a
sentence



# 3.5 TO 4 YEARS

#### RECEPTIVE

Beginning to understand 'why' questions Understands most of what you say to them or ask

#### EXPRESSIVE

Uses 1000–1500 words
Uses pronouns (e.g. he, she, they)
Starting to use conjunctions (e.g.
'because', 'and')
Tells stories about their day





