

Area of Learning:

Communication, Language and Literacy

This area of learning is all about using and developing skills needed to communicate with one another.

- Talking
- Listening
- Reading
- Writing

Children will be given lots of opportunities to talk about their experiences and feelings.

Through listening they will hear a variety of books, poems and rhymes.

Activities will be planned to develop early reading and writing.

What activities will they experience in settings to develop communication, language and literacy?

- Children will be given lots of opportunities to develop conversations with adults and peers, through creative activities, role play, construction toys, games and discussions,
- From the beginning children develop an interest and love of books - book covers, story tapes, rhymes and displays. They will be shown how to follow the words and guess the endings.
- Through first hand experiences baking, sand, water play, children will be encouraged to express their feelings
- In role play and on writing table - there will be lots of activities to develop writing skills. Pretend writing - menus, shopping lists,
- Listening skills will be developed through story time, the giving of instructions, games to introduce letter sounds and names.

How can I help my child at home?

- Read stories to your child. Share books.
- Encourage them to play with pencils, pens and paper.
- Make time to listen and talk to your child in the car, when you are shopping, quiet times.
- Talk to your child when you are doing jobs - tell them what you are doing. Encourage them to ask questions. This will extend their vocabulary.
- Ask the child to tell you about the things they are doing and show them you are listening.
- When out and about or at home, show your child that print is everywhere - shop names, names of sweets, television.
- Take your child to the library - let them choose their books.