

Library rhymetimes linked to speech, language and communication outcomes

Activities

- Welcome
- Hello Song
- Singing Rhymes
- Sharing age appropriate stories
- Play or craft activity
- Goodbye song



Speak to your local speech and language team about how you can support children's language development in your area.

Inputs

Encouraging Face to face rhymes and eye contact
 Using multi sensory experiences to help words to 'stick'
 Pre teaching vocabulary
 Encouraging joining in with words in rhymes and songs, building in additional sounds

Modelling rather than correcting language
 Repeating books and rhymes
 Waiting –giving child time to process and respond
 Child choosing books and rhymes
 Sharing age appropriate books and Increasing length of books as child progresses
 Simple instructions
 Limiting questions Only using open ended questions for more able children
 Starting sentences with...'I can see...' 'I wonder...'

Using puppets and props
 Using musical instruments and clapping
 Using gestures, body language,
 Encourage and modelling actions
 Pretend play -Taking roles through actions

Following child's interests
 Giving choice

Turn taking with child 'serve and return'
 Sitting with other children
 Speaking to other children and adults



SLC Pyramid

- **Speech** ~ Saying the sounds in words clearly
- **Spoken Language** ~ saying words and sentences
- **Understanding** ~ understanding what words and sentences mean
- **Play** ~engaging in an activity for enjoyment
- **Attention and Listening** ~ the ability to focus on an activity for a period of time
- **Social Interaction** ~ an occasion where two or more people communicate or react to each other



SLC outcomes

- Greater attachment and bonding
- Increased Turn Taking
- Increased attention and listening
- Increased vocabulary , especially vocabulary not in their everyday world e.g, unicorns or dragons
- Increased understanding of language
- Increased understanding of sound patterns to words
- Increased ability to follow simple instructions
- **Other Outcomes**
 - Increased parental wellbeing
 - Reduction in parental isolation
 - Increased school readiness
 - Improved home learning environment
 - Understanding of how books work
 - Increased personal, social and emotional development
 - Understanding how to be part of an audience, participating in cultural experience

