

# A guide to communication and language in early years!

## How can I help at home?

- Talk to your child at any opportunity.
- Talk about your child's interests to get a conversation started.
- Role play with your child e.g. taking on the role of an animal or role playing school.
- When shopping give your child three items to collect, this will ensure they are using their listening skills and they may have to communicate for support.
- Talk out loud when doing something, e.g. cooking dinner, unpacking shopping, getting ready for bed.
- Read stories every day, talking about the characters, emotions, settings and what is happening.
- Listen to your child and give them plenty of opportunity to speak and think about what they want to say.
- Model correct spoken English.
- Help your child to use more words by adding to what they've said, e.g. if they said "ball" you might say, "Yes, it is a big, red ball."
- If your child says something incorrectly, say it back the right way, e.g. "Goggy bited it." "Yes, the dog bit it, didn't he?"