

Communication & Language

Listening & Attention

Have a Song Time at home: Try to do this activity every day for about 10 minutes per session. Choose a time when your child is not tired or hungry.

You can support your child by singing your favourite songs & rhymes. If you want some ideas of songs here is a list:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLF77590309216AC60>

Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum:

8-20m

“Moves whole bodies to sounds they enjoy, such as music or a regular beat”

- Play music for your baby to listen together with you at regular times throughout your day.

16-26m

“Listens to and enjoys rhythmic patterns in rhymes and stories”

- Sit child on your lap and sing together. Tap hands & toes to the beat.

22-36m

“Shows interest in play with sounds, songs & rhymes”

- Play music for your baby to listen together with you at regular times throughout your day.
- Sit child on your lap and sing together. Tap hands & toes to the beat

30-50m

“Joins in with repeated refrains and anticipates key events and phrases in rhymes and stories”

- Once your child is familiar with the songs try turning the sound off during the chorus of the songs and rhymes, challenge your child to carry on singing.

40-60m

“Two channelled attention – can listen & do for a short span”

- Sing the songs you learn together as you complete other activities such as tidying away the toys.

Early Learning Goal

Children listen attentively in a range of situations. They listen to stories, accurately anticipating key events and respond to what they hear with relevant comments, questions or actions. They give their attention to what others say and respond appropriately, while engaged in another activity.