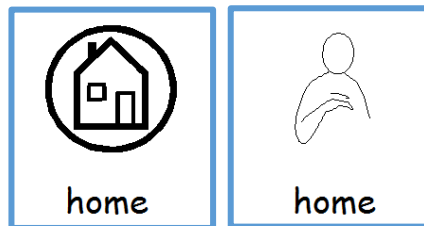


Communication and Language Leaflet

July 2021

Focus this month:

Communication Supporting Spaces



What is a communication supporting spaces?

It is a space where children feel comfortable to communicate with adults and with their friends.

It can be indoors or outdoors.

The important thing is that the space promotes a feeling of wellbeing that then supports communication.

Why are communication supporting spaces important?

Our environments have a significant impact on our communication skills.

When going to a new place or setting, children are often shy and need some time to 'come out of their shell'. Having a cosy, communication friendly environment helps them to feel comfortable talking and aids their learning.

Environments that are full of noise and visual stimulation can be very distracting for young children and limit their ability to communicate.

Top Tips for Creating a good Communication Space

Put something interesting into the space to encourage conversation e.g. objects from different cultures, books, stones and leaves.

Have fun!

Get the children involved in the planning of the space.

Make a cosy, inviting space that children will enjoy.

Ensure that there is enough space for at least two people (so they can talk!).

Reduce background noise around the space.



Supporting Language With Den Building!

Helping to build a den provides children with the opportunity for talking through problems, discussing, negotiating and describing.

A den offers a cosy and magical escape for children to interact and immerse themselves in imaginative play.

Den building vocabulary:

Commenting as you build helps children learn many new words!

Grass, wood, fabric, cloth, box, card, mud, big, small, dark, light, build, tall, short, cosy, under, inside, outside, up, down, high, low, over, comfy, hide...

A den can be anything you want it to be! A den for: talking, reading a book, sharing a teddy, hiding away, having a tea or simply having your own space!

Things you could use:

- Blankets, towels or quilt covers
- Chairs or tables
- Boxes
- Washing line
- Pegs

Things you could add:

- Torches
- Books
- Instruments
- Toys
- Everyday objects





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