

Supporting Children with Speech and Language

Information Websites	https://www.tamesidehospital.nhs.uk/our-services/community-services/speechandtherapy.htm https://www.thecomunicationtrust.org.uk/ https://www.afasic.org.uk/about-talking/more-about-speech-language-and-communication/ https://ican.org.uk/i-cans-talking-point/
Tips	Speech sounds - Model speech to the children by repeating words back to them correctly. Understanding - Give children time to process what you have asked and respond. - Use simple language and break instructions down into smaller steps. - Encourage children to answer questions, such as who, what, where, when and why? When reading their books. Encourage them to tell you the story in their own words. - Questioning – try to use open ended questions to encourage your child to talk, for example “what was your favourite part of today?” Instead of “did you have a good day?” Expression - Talk about all your experiences in detail, teaching new vocabulary all the time. - Discuss vocabulary in books, making sure the children understand the meaning of tricky words. Social Communication - Play lots of games with your child to encourage social skills, such as taking turns and winning and losing. - Use a visual timetable and visual aids to provide structure and routines. General - Remember listening and attention skills are the foundation of good communication skills. This includes being a good listener ourselves as adults and can be really improved with simple games. For example, listening out for a word when sharing a story, finding objects around the house by listening and following a single instruction then 2 step and maybe 3. Use traffic lights to indicate different actions and fill in the gap of a rhyme or song. - Set aside a specific time to talk, to share listen and talk about a story, experience or picture. - Vocabulary – try to find out about new words we come across, draw a picture about it, try to use it in a different sentence or conversation, find words that mean something similar. - Let children explore and play in role play and pretend play, it provides a lot of opportunity for children to talk – ask them about their play too. - Remember that speech and language is not just about not being able to say or pronounce sounds and words correctly: Receptive language means the ability to understand information. It involves understanding the words , sentences and meaning of what others say or what is read. Expressive language means being able to put thoughts into words and sentences, in a way that makes sense and is grammatically accurate.
Resources/ Ideas	https://www.thecomunicationtrust.org.uk/ Continue to work on Speech and Language targets set by the Speech and Language Therapist (if already seen).

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	<p>https://www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/resources/resources/resources-forparents/</p> <p>Play Toddlers naming resources</p> <p>Has a range of levels and choices to play with a family. Helps learners improve their general knowledge of household objects, vehicles, animals, food, shapes, colours and many more.</p> <p>Find It: Hidden Objects for Children & Toddlers</p> <p>https://www.playtoddlers.com/</p> <p>An app aimed at getting children to make animals from puzzle pieces, it gradually gets harder.</p> <p>Toddler Animal Puzzle – Game for children (Free) https://www.playtoddlers.com/</p> <p>Singing and stories with Makaton signing from Singing Hands</p> <p>https://singinhands.co.uk/</p> <p>Singing sessions from Soundabout (Tuesdays and Saturdays)</p> <p>https://www.soundabout.org.uk/</p> <p>Chatterpack - a list of home Ed resources</p> <p>https://chatterpack.net/blogs/blog/resources-list-for-home-learning</p> <p>Resources and videos for supporting Speech and Language</p> <p>https://talkderby.org.uk/resources/5-11s/</p> <p>https://speechandlanguage.info/parents</p> <p>Information and support for expressive language</p> <p>https://www.speechandlanguagekids.com/expressive-language-delay-resource-page/</p> <p>Social skills games:</p> <p>https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/specialeducationalneedssen/specialeducationalneeds-sen-social-emotional-and-mental-healthdifficulties/sen-friendship-and-social-skills</p> <p>http://autismteachingstrategies.com/free-social-skills-downloads-2/</p>
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