

Speech and Language Therapy

Activities to Develop Literacy Skills

<p>Reading Opportunities</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Books, newspapers, magazines • Communication labels in home environment • Communication books /keyrings. • Personal Photo activity books. • Social stories • Food pictures / shopping list • Social Sight vocabulary – community visits • Visit libraries
<p>Activities to develop Language Comprehension skills</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relate speech directly to activity/ object • Use repetition and routine language • Use favourite activities and focus on key words • Focus on the importance of functional meaning of language • Develop vocabulary through special topics and activities
<p>Activities to develop Listening and Phonics skills</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening to music/ Audio books • Rhymes and songs / ABC songs • Copying rhythms for example drum beat • Discriminating sounds: High/low, loud /quiet • Identifying sounds for example animal, transport, home sounds • Matching speech sounds to written letters • Listen and copy sounding out words (c-a- t)

Activities to develop visual skills and reading words

- Multi-sensory stories / Picture books
- Alphabet books and activities
- Puzzles
- Looking at pictures and photos in environment
- Holding books and turning pages
- iPad apps
- Look at print-point at the words as you read
- Matching written words to pictures
- Match(map)written letters to sounds and sound combinations
- Make a personalised picture-word reading book

Activities to develop reading comprehension

- Picture Sequencing activities
- Practise narrative - retelling an event (spoken and written)
- Write the steps to carry out an activity
- Follow written instruction cards
- Sequencing a set of written sentences
- Listen to stories and recap information with the main ideas
- Make predictions – What happens next?
- Support understanding meaning of text – highlight key points
- Explore topic through discussion, looking at pictures and give support to make connections to help understanding of text.
- Show different types of written information – fact/ fiction