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Play is young children's learning.

Speech, language and communication skills are crucial to your child's overall development. Every time you play and talk with your child you are helping their development.

You will know your child's levels of concentration and language best and you need to adapt all these activities to meet their developmental stage and interests.

Rhyme: Sleeping Bunnies

This will help develop your child's listening skills and encourage them to be active. You can change the actions to create more challenge by skipping or jumping.

Sleeping Bunnies

See the little bunnies sleeping until it is nearly noon
Shall we wake them with a merry tune?

They're so still, are they ill?

No! Wake up bunnies!

Hop little bunnies, hop, hop, hop

Hop little bunnies, hop, hop, hop

Hop little bunnies, hop, hop, hop

Hop little bunnies, hop and stop.



Floating and sinking

In a small bowl (or at bath time) explore together what different objects float and sink. Name the



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objects, describe what the objects are made from and their actions in the water. Play a prediction game: What do you think will happen to the orange when we put it in the water? Count how many objects float and how many sink. Together dry all the objects and put them away in the correct place. Playing together you will be helping your child to learn early scientific concepts and lots of new words.



Letters and Sound Phase One: For three-and-four-year olds.

Vehicle Voice Sounds

Explore together how to make different sounds with your voices and help your child to extend their understanding of sound alliteration (the same letter or sound at the beginning of words). Add your own vehicles and make up your own sounds as you play together or as you see vehicles when you are out on a walk.



Make your voice sound like a super-fast car -wheee!

Make your voice bounce like a giant ball – boing, boing



Sound like an aeroplane high in the sky – woosh



Hiss like a flat tyre– ssssss

Pretend to be on a bike – shpshpshpshp

Roar like a lorry – rrrrrr rrrrr

Be a steam train – chchchchch

This will help you child with future reading skills.

Den Making

Gather large cardboard boxes, chairs, pillows, old sheets or a clothes horse. As you play you will be helping your child to develop awareness of space, physical movement, strength, problem solving and use their imagination.

Add some toys and books and the den becomes a reading den.

Why not try this outside too.



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