



# Learning Together



## This week we are Talking and Exploring Together!

Talking and Exploring Together is about getting into your child's zone, talking about what they are doing, looking at or playing with them and having fun together! Remember this will all be supporting their language development at the same time!

**Monday**  
Let's Cook  
Together

**Top Tips  
Tuesday**

**Wednesday**  
Let's Chat  
and Play  
Together

**Thumbs Up  
Thursday**

**Friday**  
Let's go on  
a Listening  
Walk Together

**Share Day  
Saturday**

**Is your child starting school in September?**

Look out for our 'Starting School Together Challenges' throughout the week!



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Let's make something tasty together...

Let's make fruit kebabs.  
I can help you to chop the fruit and place it on the skewer. We could make patterns (apple, grape, grape, apple).

We can look at the ingredients together and describe them! We can talk about where they come from and how they grow.

### **\*Starting School Together Challenge\***

When cooking with your family can you guess what you need to do next or guess the next ingredient to use?

### **Did you know?**

Even when cooking together goes wrong e.g. The bowl is knocked to the floor and ingredients are spilt. It is all a learning opportunity to explore and tidy away together.



**How you can help me...**  
Talk to me about the sounds, smells and textures of the ingredients when we cook together. Is the dish salty, sugary, sour, sticky, soft, powdery, squidgy, rough, crumbly...



### **What I like to do...**

I like to explore the tastes, smells and textures of the ingredients we use when cooking together. Encourage me to try some **new** food.



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Let's play and chat together

Let's play with my toys and make up a story about the toy I am playing with.

We could create sound effects together. You could introduce other objects and toys to extend my play!

### **\*Starting School Together Challenge\***

Can you use different words to describe the characters in stories you read or make up with your toys – Spiderman is brave, strong and speedy...

### **Did you know?**

Children learn language more quickly when you join them in their play and talk about what they are looking at or playing with.



### **How you can help me...**

When I say something incorrectly, you can say it back to me in the right way. E.g. 'there choo choo' you could say 'yes, there is the choo choo train'. Help me learn more words by adding to my sentence – 'yes, the big, red, choo choo train'.

### **What I like to do...**

I like to make voice sounds that encourage me to make different shapes with my mouth such as ssssssss, oooooooh, woosh, chchchch, boing boing, wheee...



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Let's go on a listening walk

We could go on a listening walk inside or outside.  
How many different sounds can we hear?

When on our listening walk you could say 'freeze & listen' to draw my attention to a new sound. Ask me to describe the sound.

### **\*Starting School Together Challenge\***

Can you try and use different voices for characters when you are sharing stories or playing with your toys?

### **Did you know?**

Encouraging your child to listen to different sounds such as a car, bird, washing machine, sound of animals helps with their listening and concentration skills.



### **How you can help me...**

By using your voice in different ways such as whispering, high and low pitch, a deep voice, loud or quiet voice – I can copy you and learn how to use my voice in different ways.

### **What I like to do...**

To use my voice to try and copy the different sounds I can hear on our listening walks. I like to tell you if the sounds are loud or quiet...



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