

## Communication & General Knowledge

Communication skills are the development of a child's language skills including what is said and what is understood. Communication skills consist of listening, verbal and non-verbal attempts to respond, eye contact, humour and expression of personality. Examples of these skills at each stage of development are below:

**3 Months**-cries at an angry voice, squeals, laughs, gurgles and coos, cries when upset

**6 Months**-smiles or laughs when spoken to in a nice voice, stops crying when soothed, makes babbling sounds

**9 Months**-likes to copy sounds and facial expressions, likes it when he/she is copied

**12 Months**-says "mama" or "dada," moves head in response "yes" or "no," understands 2 word phrases

**18 Months**-understands simple questions (Where is your nose?), points to objects he/she knows

**2 to 3 Years**-responds to his/her name, says short sentences, says more than 50 words

**3 to 4 Years**-understands 900-1000 words, should understand 75% of what people say

**4 to 5 Years**-speaks in complete sentences and tells stories, follows 3 step directions and asks a lot of questions

### Activities you can do with your child to promote Communication and General Knowledge Skills:

-Make stories interesting by varying tone or loudness of voice

-Go on a scavenger hunt together to look for different coloured items

"Find a red leaf."



-Look at pictures of animals and make their sounds



"Gobble! Gobble! Gobble!"



"ROAR!"

-Use household objects and ask your child, "What do you do with this?" Help them use descriptive words. "What do we use a broom for?"

