

CORE SKILL: To participate in small group and class discussions

Working towards curriculum ambition: To be able to talk about their experiences and identify some similarities and differences.

Possible sequence of learning:

- To use non-verbal gestures to communicate e.g. pointing, waving etc.
- To use familiar vocabulary effectively
- To use new vocabulary effectively
- To communicate with peers during play
- To communicate with a familiar adult during 1-1 conversation
- To join in with discussions in small groups
- To join in with whole class discussion
- To share their ideas both in small group and whole class sessions

Things adults can do:

- Develop positive relationships with children where they feel happy to communicate
- Encourage children to share their ideas
- Encourage children to participate in small group and whole class discussions
- Provide opportunities for children to communicate with peers during play e.g. role play areas, small world etc.
- Develop children's self-confidence and self esteem

Possible literacy opportunities linked to this activity zone:

- Stories which contain repeated refrains to encourage children to join in
- Read and re-enact familiar stories

Links to statutory framework: ELG: Speaking:

- Participate in small group, class and one-to-one discussions, offering their own ideas, using recently introduced vocabulary.
- Offer explanations for why things might happen, making use of recently introduced vocabulary from stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems when appropriate.
- Express their ideas and feelings about their experiences using full sentences, including use of past, present and future tenses and making use of conjunctions, with modelling and support from their teacher.

Links to MAGIC:

- **Communication**