



Our Meadows room Chatter Matters

In the Meadows room we carry out an activity with our children called 'Chatter Matters'. This is a singing activity using musical instruments to help keep the children interacting and engaged in the session. It is a programme developed by Speech and Language Therapists. It is based on the principles of effective early intervention with specific focus on the strategies which support the development of speech, language and communication from birth. This training enables practitioners to offer language enrichment sessions for babies, toddlers and young children based around singing, storytelling, and play. We start the routine with our 'Hello' song, saying 'hello' to each child individually. The children then take it in turns to choose an instrument to make their chosen sound. The children then must follow simple instructions, for example high, low, behind their back, under their leg, on their head etc. Once the children have all had a turn, we then introduce the large drum. Again, the children take it in turns to bang the drum, this time they bang it loudly and quietly. When each child has had a turn, we sing the goodbye song to each other. This activity encourages turn taking, listening and attention, communication, following instructions, exploring sounds and early development of writing/language.

