

Follow the leader



Watch what your child is doing

Let children choose the activity that they want to do. It encourages children to take the lead in play and helps develop children's confidence.

Follow their focus of interest. This helps to develop children's attention as they will be more motivated to talk.



Resist the temptation to tell them what to do with the toys, just **let them lead** and add simple language– they will be listening and learning.

You can show you are listening by ... **looking** at the children and what they are doing, by **answering** them or by **repeating** what they have said.

It encourages children to interact and communicate, and develops children's confidence.

