

How a Chatter Matters group helps

- ◆ **Songs and rhymes** help children:
 - ◆ Listen to and look at people
 - ◆ Respond to people with smiles and noises
 - ◆ Experience rhythm which will later help their talking
 - ◆ Start to understand words
- ◆ **Play time** helps with:
 - ◆ Exploring and finding out about their world and will later help them learn new words and how to use them
- ◆ **Story time** helps with:
 - ◆ Learning to listen
 - ◆ Discovering that books are fun
 - ◆ Learning lots of words
 - ◆ Finding out about the world
 - ◆ Confidence to recall

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FAMILY LEARNING INFORMATION

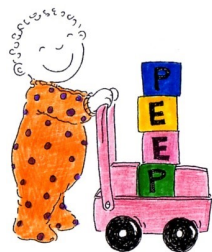


CHATTER MATTERS For Babies & Toddlers

- Have fun and play together
- Develop listening, attention and talking skills
- Get some ideas to use at home
- Get them ready for the next stage



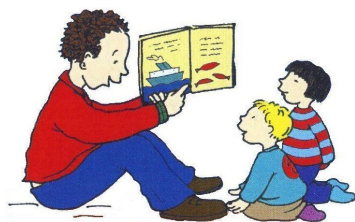
WHAT HAPPENS AT THE GROUP?



There are usually books or toys to look at while people are arriving. We sit on a blanket on the floor with our shoes off, creating a home-like feel



Groups start with a **Hello song** followed by a choice of old and new songs. The group leader will lead the singing—you can choose when you join in!



STORY TIME

The group leader will share a book with the whole group. Even small babies enjoy hearing the rhythm of a story and learn from being with others who are listening and build their attention span.



ACTIVITY TIME

Treasure baskets to explore and sometimes the chance to make something. We cover a range of activities that are designed to be engaging including:



- ◆ Sand
- ◆ Water
- ◆ Food
- ◆ Paint
- ◆ Treasure baskets

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More songs, usually ending with some quieter ones and our **goodbye song**



There should be time for a drink and chat if you want

Why is it so important?

- ◆ Children who are good at listening and talking find it easier to learn to read and write
- ◆ Speech reduces frustration
- ◆ Attention skills help your child to play alone and develop imagination
- ◆ Spending quality time together supports speaking

We want to make sure we are getting it right, so we will ask you what you think about the group at the end of the session