

## Activities that support communication and language

Below is a list of ideas that you can try that will hopefully encourage communication and interaction with your child.

- Sign of the week – Practice the sign of the week from the class assembly on Class Dojo or look up a sign that is meaningful to you and your child and practice.
- Signing songs – Look up songs with sign language and practice singing them and signing them with your child
- Handshakes – Create a handshake with your child that you can use – this can be as simple or as complicated as you like!
- Keeping the rhythm/Clapping patterns – Create rhythms and patterns through clapping that your child can mimic
- Talking/communicating through daily exercise (Where possible) – If you are able to go on a daily walk, communicate about what you can see/smell/feel.
- Communicating with friends/family through video messaging – Encourage interaction and communication online with friends and family – Help your child to stay connected during this time
- Cooking – Try making a meal or baking something simple – talk about the smells, textures and tastes as well as the different steps in the recipe
- Puzzles – Great to do a puzzle together, talk about the picture, work together to complete the picture
- Dancing/Movement – Try and get active together- whether that's through a PE type activity or through dancing to music – talk about what you're doing, try and copy one another's moves
- Keep reading!

