Beavers Lodge Playgroup

Our Practice in the setting

Expressive language

Our practitioners follow these top tips for expressive language

- Make time for talking
- Show the child that they are interested in what he/she is trying to tell
- Follow the child's lead but give names to things that he/ she is interested in.
- Add words to extend children's sentences; if a child says 'look car', the practitioner will say 'yes it's a red car'
- Talk about things as they are happening, this gives the children labels to attach to things in context and will encourage them to talk.
- Minimise use of dummies and try to get rid of them completely within few days of settling in.
- With young children we try to work out what their cries are trying to tell us by being familiar with their routines.

Any concerns about a child's understanding of language are shared with the child's parents. Many receptive language (comprehension) difficulties go undetected for quite a while as children often compensate by imitating others. This can have a significant impact on a child's learning. Some children need to be referred to the speech and language therapists for further assessment.