



# Supporting Communication at home

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# Learning new words

- There will be lots of opportunities for your child to learn new words at home with you
- Remember learning words is best linked to real experiences
- Repetition is really important for words to become part of their vocabulary
- Have fun learning new words, for example, sparkle, spin, bounce, whisper
- [Teaching children new words \(speechandlanguage.org.uk\)](http://speechandlanguage.org.uk)



# Games are fun and help with learning

- [top-10-toys-factsheet.pdf \(speechandlanguage.org.uk\)](#)
- [Dr Claire Halsey's top tips for 3-4 years: Memory game - BBC Tiny Happy People](#)
- Games teach us valuable social skills such as waiting, taking turns and that sometimes you may win and sometimes you may not

# Getting ready for September

- Social stories can help your child prepare for September
- The link below will provide you with lots of resources to get you and your child ready
- <https://towerhamletslas.edublogs.org/files/2023/07/back-to-school-1-1.pdf>
- Try to start the school routine around two weeks before school starts with earlier bedtimes, getting up in the mornings and eating lunch at school time



Finally, there is so much useful information on this website for both parents and professionals:



They used to be called ICAN and you will find

- Progress checkers from 6 months to 11 years
- A resource library for parents
- Top tips for primary and secondary schools

Another useful website is Talking Point [www.talkingpoint.org.uk](http://www.talkingpoint.org.uk)