

Learning together...

Curriculum Area: Social – Emotional

Recommended for: From 6 months

Learning Activity: Mimicking Sounds

Big Idea:

Communication

What to do:

As your child communicates with you through making sounds, respond to them by repeating (mimicking) the same sound and facial expression.

Benefits:

These interactions of 'serve and return' which include mimicking the sounds and non-verbal communication of children are a simple strategy to foster communication development, and a sense of connectedness. Being responsive to children in these moments nurtures secure attachments and models social and conversational skills.



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Links to Early Years Learning Framework:

Outcome 1.1: Children feel safe, secure and supported

Outcome 1.2: Children develop their emerging autonomy, inter-dependence, resilience and sense of agency

Outcome 3.1: Children become strong in their social and emotional wellbeing

Outcome 4.4: Children resource their own learning through connecting with people, place, technologies and natural and processed materials.

Outcome 5.1: Children interact verbally and non-verbally with others for a range of purposes