

Signalong and Visual Support

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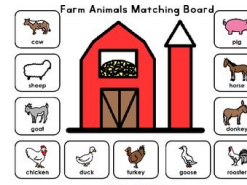
What is Signalong?

Signalong is a key word sign-supported communication system based on British sign language and is used in spoken word order.

It uses speech, sign, body language, facial expression and voice tone to reference the link between sign and word.

- Signalong is a universal, flexible and adaptable strategy used throughout the nursery with all children.
- We add to our signs at the children's pace with sign of the moment being introduced once the previous sign has been embedded, you will find this displayed in the Nursery Rooms and videos on seesaw of the children signing.
- Singalong teaches children that we can communicate in different ways through using gestures.

Boardmaker in Nursery



We use Boardmaker in Nursery as a visual communication tool for our children.

It provides software, symbols and curriculum information to empower our young learners.

- It is popular and easy to use with symbols which can be easily recognised.
- Boardmaker in nursery can help children to communicate their emotions.
- Areas throughout the nursery are labelled using Boardmaker Symbols making each area identifiable.
- Boardmaker helps children to Express needs, thoughts and feelings through non-verbal communication.



What are some of the benefits of Signalong and Boardmaker?

Gives non-verbal children the confidence to communicate.

Social and emotional Learning

Allows all our learners to access the curriculum

Both are flexible and adaptable so they can support a child's level of understanding.