

Skill area	What is it?	How can I help my child at home?
Concepts of Print	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✎ Know to write from left to write ✎ Know what each of the letters look like 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ When out and about, point out food labels, road signs and shop signs. Become a member of Highland Libraries – whether that be through visiting the library or the library bus
Phonological Awareness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✎ Know the sounds which make up each of the words ✎ Hear the individual words within the sentence ✎ Listen to and recall the words within the sentence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Sharing nursery rhymes ✓ Reading rhyming books ✓ Making up rhymes together ✓ Supporting your child in creating rhyming words
Oral Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✎ Understand the meaning of the words within the sentence ✎ Can follow the instructions to complete the activity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Playing beside them ✓ Giving them eye-contact ✓ Turning off a phone/ TV/ computer etc. ✓ Finding a quiet space ✓ Allowing them to finish before you talk ✓ Showing that you're interested by smiling and nodding
Fine Motor Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✎ Hold the pen correctly ✎ Form the letters correctly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Provide them with opportunities to use scissors to cut out shapes and patterns ✓ Provide them with big paper and drawing implements ✓ Allow them to make marks outside with paint brushes and water or large chalks ✓ Create a chain with pasta and a shoe lace ✓ Create objects using dough ✓ Make finger puppets ✓ Put coins into a money box ✓ Turn a deck of cards over as quickly as they can ✓ Hammering ✓ Squeezing bubble wrap ✓ Playing with wind-up toys