



Prime areas

	<u>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</u>	<u>Communication and Language</u>	<u>Physical Development</u>
 <p>22-36 months</p>	<p><u>Making relationships</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interested in others' play and starting to join in. • Seeks out others to share experiences. • Shows affection and concern for people who are special to them. • May form a special friendship with another child. <p><u>Self-confidence and self-awareness</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separates from main carer with support and encouragement from a familiar adult. • Expresses own preferences and interests. <p><u>Managing feelings and behaviour</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seeks comfort from familiar adults when needed. • Can express their own feelings such as sad, happy, cross, scared, worried. • Responds to the feelings and wishes of others. • Aware that some actions can hurt or harm others. • Tries to help or give comfort when others are distressed. • Shows understanding and cooperates with some boundaries and routines. • Can inhibit own actions/behaviours, e.g. stop themselves from doing something they shouldn't do. • Growing ability to distract self when upset, e.g. by engaging in a new play activity. 	<p><u>Listening and attention</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listens with interest to the noises adults make when they read stories. • Recognises and responds to many familiar sounds, e.g. turning to a knock on the door, looking at or going to the door. • Shows interest in play with sounds, songs and rhymes. • Single channelled attention. Can shift to a different task if attention fully obtained – using child's name helps focus. <p><u>Understanding</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifies action words by pointing to the right picture, e.g., "Who's jumping?" • Understands more complex sentences, e.g. 'Put your toys away and then we'll read a book.' • Understands 'who', 'what', 'where' in simple questions (e.g. Who's that/can? What's that? Where is.?). • Developing understanding of simple concepts (e.g. big/little). <p><u>Speaking</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uses language as a powerful means of widening contacts, sharing feelings, experiences and thoughts. • Holds a conversation, jumping from topic to topic. • Learns new words very rapidly and is able to use them in communicating. • Uses gestures, sometimes with limited talk, e.g. reaches toward toy, saying 'I have it'. • Uses a variety of questions (e.g. what, where, who). • Uses simple sentences (e.g. 'Mummy gonna work.') • Beginning to use word endings (e.g. going, cats). 	<p><u>Moving and Handling</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Runs safely on whole foot. • Squats with steadiness to rest or play with object on the ground, and rises to feet without using hands. • Climbs confidently and is beginning to pull themselves up on nursery play climbing equipment. • Can kick a large ball. • Turns pages in a book, sometimes several at once. • Shows control in holding and using jugs to pour, hammers, books and mark-making tools. • Beginning to use three fingers (tripod grip) to hold writing tools • Imitates drawing simple shapes such as circles and lines. • Walks upstairs or downstairs holding onto a rail two feet to a step. • May be beginning to show preference for dominant hand. <p><u>Health and self-care</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feeds self competently with spoon. • Drinks well without spilling. • Clearly communicates their need for potty or toilet. • Beginning to recognise danger and seeks support of significant adults for help. • Helps with clothing, e.g. puts on hat, unzips zipper on jacket, takes off unbuttoned shirt. • Beginning to be independent in self-care, but still often needs adult support.

Specific areas

	<u>Literacy</u>	<u>Mathematics</u>	<u>Understanding of the World</u>	<u>Expressive Arts and Design</u>
 <p>22-36 months</p>	<p><u>Reading</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has some favourite stories, rhymes, songs, poems or jingles. • Repeats words or phrases from familiar stories. • Fills in the missing word or phrase in a known rhyme, story or game, e.g. 'Humpty Dumpty sat on a ...' <p><u>Writing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distinguishes between the different marks they make. 	<p><u>Numbers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selects a small number of objects from a group when asked, for example, 'please give me one', 'please give me two'. • Recites some number names in sequence. • Creates and experiments with symbols and marks representing ideas of number. • Begins to make comparisons between quantities. • Uses some language of quantities, such as 'more' and 'a lot'. • Knows that a group of things changes in quantity when something is added or taken away. <p><u>Shape, space and measure</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notices simple shapes and patterns in pictures. • Beginning to categorise objects according to properties such as shape or size. • Begins to use the language of size. • Understands some talk about immediate past and future, e.g. 'before', 'later' or 'soon'. • Anticipates specific time-based events such as mealtimes or home time. 	<p><u>People and communities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has a sense of own immediate family and relations. • In pretend play, imitates everyday actions and events from own family and cultural background, e.g. making and drinking tea. • Beginning to have their own friends. • Learns that they have similarities and differences that connect them to, and distinguish them from, others. <p><u>The world</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enjoys playing with small-world models such as a farm, a garage, or a train track. • Notices detailed features of objects in their environment. <p><u>Technology</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seeks to acquire basic skills in turning on and operating some ICT equipment. • Operates mechanical toys, e.g. turns the knob on a wind-up toy or pulls back on a friction car. 	<p><u>Exploring and using media and materials</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joins in singing favourite songs. • Creates sounds by banging, shaking, tapping or blowing. • Shows an interest in the way musical instruments sound. • Experiments with blocks, colours and marks. <p><u>Being imaginative</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning to use representation to communicate, e.g. drawing a line and saying 'That's me.' • Beginning to make-believe by pretending.