



Play and early language

Talking and playing together is one of the best ways to help develop your child's language.

How can playing help my child's talking?

Young children learn best through play. Children learn to link words to objects, actions and concepts through their play. They also learn about sharing, interacting and communicating with others.

Children learn through copying the world around them and will often copy your actions around the house. They will soon begin to copy you in play.

Tips for talking

Get down on your child's level

- This will mean they can see your face and will help them learn more about communicating.
- It will also help you to notice what they are looking at and interested in.

Follow your child's lead in play

- Play with the toys your child chooses.
- Try not to tell your child what to do in the game - see what they do first and join in.
- Extend their play - e.g. pretend to drink from a cup if your child is holding a tea cup.

Add words

- Talk about what your child is looking at or doing.
- Use simple language.
- If your child is not yet using any words, choose one word or even a sound to comment. For example: 'down' or 'wheel!'



Tuesday 9th-19th April 2019



Easter activities

Easter holiday activities for families with children 0-5 years living in the North of Peterborough.

You'll discover more than you think at your local children's centre! If you are expecting a baby or have a child 0-5 years, the centre is helping to make sure that:

- Your child is ready for school at age 5
- You are equipped to give your child the best start in life
- Your family experiences good health and well-being
- You are supported to achieve financial well-being

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Date	Time	Activity	To book?
Tues 9th April	9.30- 11.30am (Baby Play until 11am)	Baby Play & Child Health Clinic Drop in with your 0-4 year old child for advice, support and weight checks. Baby Play offers a time to meet others with babies and learn about your babies development (birth to prewalkers).	No need to book—just come along!
Sat 13th April	10am- 12pm	Easter Saturdads Learning through play session for dads/male carers and their children (0-11 years). Share lots of creative Easter activities together. Café open for breakfast from 10-10.30am.	No need to book—just come along!
Mon 15th April	10am- 12pm	Easter Bunny Storytime Bring your little bunnies along for Easter stories, creative activities and planting. This session is for children under five years and their parents/carers. Older siblings welcome. The café will be open and serving jacket potatoes and home made soup after the session.	Book at the centre or call 01933 417040. Book from 1st April.
Tues 16th April	9.30- 11.30am (Baby Play until 11am)	Baby Play & Child Health Clinic Drop in with your 0-4 year old child for advice, support and weight checks. Baby Play offers a time to meet others with babies and learn about your babies development (birth to prewalkers). The café will also	No need to book—just come along!
Tues 16th April	3.00- 4.30pm	Pirates & Princesses Party Join us for party games, dancing and party food. Children and their mums and dads are welcome to come in fancy dress! Help us raise money for the children's centre. £1.50 per child. The party is suitable for children from 2-11 years.	Book at the centre or call 01933 417040. Book from 1st April.
Thur 18th April	10.00- 10.45am 11.00- 11.45am	Easter Egg Hunt Join us for a short, fun egg hunt suitable for under 5's (older siblings welcome). Enjoy a delicious hot cross bun after the session. £1.50 per child (every child will be rewarded with a chocolate egg). Choose from the 10am or 11am session.	Book at the centre or call 01933 417 040. Book from 1st April.

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Is your child starting school in September? Build your child's confidence so that they start school curious and ready to learn. Positive encouragement from you will enable your child to feel good about themselves.

Come along to Queensgate Shopping Centre (outside Primark) on Wednesday 17th April, from 9am to 5pm.

Fun activities and information including storytelling and singing, craft activities, free books to take home and much more.

For more information and other helpful facts visit:

www.peterborough.gov.uk/START



Kingsgate Community Church FREE EASTER TREASURE HUNT Friday 19th April 2019, 10am-12pm at Honeyhill Children's Centre
Children's crafts and refreshments and every child completing the hunt will receive a free Easter egg.