	C&L: Communication and Language		
	Listening and Attention	Understanding	Speaking
16-26 months	 Listens to and enjoys rhythmic patterns in rhymes and stories. Enjoys rhymes and demonstrates listening by trying to join in with actions or vocalisations. Rigid attention – may appear not to hear. 	 Selects familiar objects by name and will go and find objects when asked, or identify objects from a group. Understands simple sentences. 	 Copies familiar expressions. Beginning to put two words together. Uses different types of everyday words. Nouns, verbs, adjectives. Beginning to ask simple questions. Beginning to talk about people and things that are not present.
22-36 months	 Listens with interest to the noises adults make when they read stories. Recognises and responds to many familiar sounds. Shows interest in playing with sounds, songs and rhymes. Single channelled attention. Can shift to a different task if attention fully obtained. 	 Identifies action words by pointing to the right picture. Understands more complex sentences. Understands; 'who', 'what', 'where' in simple sentences. Developing understanding of simple concepts 	 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. Uses a variety of questions. Uses simple sentences. Beginning to use word endings
30-50 months	 Listens to others one to one or in small groups, when conversation interests them. Listens to stories with increasing attention and recall. Joins in with repeated refrains and anticipates key events and phrases in rhymes and stories. Focusing attention – still listen or do, but can shift own attention. Is able to follow directions (if not intently focused on own choice of activity). 	 Understands use of objects. Shows understanding of prepositions such as 'under', 'on top', 'behind' by carrying out an action or selecting correct picture. Responds to simple instructions. Beginning to understand 'why' and 'how' questions. 	 Beginning to use more complex sentences to link thoughts. Can retell a simple past event in correct order. Uses talk to connect ideas, explain what is happening and anticipate what might happen next, recall and relive past experiences. Questions why things happen and gives explanations. Uses a range of tenses. Uses intonation, rhythm and phrasing to make the meaning clear to others. Uses vocabulary focussed on objects and people that are important to them. Builds up vocabulary that reflects the breadth of their experiences. Uses talk in pretending that objects stand for something else in play.
40-60 months	 Maintains attention, concentrates and sits quietly during appropriate activity. Two-channelled attention – can listen and do for short span. 	 Responds to instructions involving a two-part sequence. Understands humour. Able to follow a story without pictures or props. Listens and responds to ideas expressed by others in conversation or discussion. 	 Extends vocabulary, especially by grouping and naming, exploring the meaning and sounds of new words. Uses language to imagine and recreate roles and experiences in play situations. Links statements and sticks to main theme or intention. Uses talk to organise, sequence and clarify thinking, ideas, feelings and events. Introduces a storyline or narrative into their play.
Early Learning Goals	 Children listen attentively in a range of situations. They listen to stories, accurately anticipating key events and respond to what they hear with relevant comments, questions or actions. They give their attention to what others say and respond appropriately, while engaged in another activity. 	 Children follow instructions involving several ideas or actions. They answer 'how' and 'why' questions about their experiences and in response to stories or events. 	 Children express themselves effectively, showing awareness of listeners' needs. They use past, present and future forms accurately when talking about events that have happened or are to happen in the future. They develop their own narratives and explanations by connecting ideas or events.

	PD: Physical Development			
	Moving and Handling	Health and Self-Care		
16-26 months	 Walks upstairs holding hand of adult. Comes downstairs backwards on knees. Beginning to balance blocks to build a tower. Makes connections between their movement and their movement and the masks they make. 	 Develops own likes and dislikes in food and drink. Willing to try new food textures tastes. Holds cup with both hands and drinks without much spilling. Clearly communicates wet or soiled nappy or pants. Show some awareness of bladder and bowel urges. Shows awareness of what a potty or toilet is used for. Shows a desire to help with dressing/undressing and hygiene routines. 		
22-36 months	 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 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 to hold writing tools. Imitates drawing simple shapes such as circles and lines. Walks upstairs/downstairs holding a rail two fee t per step. May be beginning to show preference for dominant hand. 	 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 Beginning to be independent in self-care, but still often needs adult support. 		
30-50 months	 -Moves freely and with pleasure and confidently in a range of ways -Mounts stairs, steps or climbing equipment using alternate feet. - Walks down stairs carrying a small object. - Runs skilfully, negotiating space successfully, adjusting speed or direction to avoid obstacles. - Can stand momentarily on one foot - Can catch a large ball - Draws lines and circles using gross motor movements. - Uses one-handed tools and equipment -Holds pencil between thumb and two fingers not whole hand. - Holds pencil near point between first two fingers and thumb and uses it with good control. - Can copy some letters 	 Can tell adults when hungry or tired or when they want to rest or play. Observes the effects of activity on their bodies. Understands that equipment and tools have to be used safely. Gains more bowel and bladder control and can attend to toileting needs most of the time themselves. Can usually manage washing and drying hands. Dresses with help. 		
40-60 months	 -Experiments with different ways of moving. - Jumps off an object and lands appropriately. - Negotiates space successfully when playing racing and chasing games with other children adjusting speed/changing direction. - Travels with confidence and skill around, under, over, balancing and climbing. -Shows increasing control over an object - Uses simple tools to effect changes to materials. - Handles tools and objects with increasing control. - Shows a preference for a dominant hand - Begins to use anticlockwise movement and retrace vertical lines - Begins to form recognisable letters - Uses a pencil and holds it effectively to form recognisable letters correctly formed. 	 Eats a healthy range of foodstuffs and understands need for variety. Usually dry and clean during the day Shows some understanding that good practices with regard to exercise, eating, sleeping and hygiene can contribute to good health. Shows understanding of the need for safety when tackling new challenges, and considers and manages some risks. Shows understanding of how to transport and store equipment safely. Practices some appropriate safety measures without direct supervision. 		
Early Learning Goals	- Children show good control and co-ordination in large and small movements.	 Children know the importance for good health of physical exercise, and a healthy diet, and talk about ways to keep healthy and safe. They manage their own basic hygiene and personal needs successfully, including dressing and going to the toilet independently. 		

	PSE: Personal, Social & Emotional Development			
	Self-Confidence & Self-Awareness	Managing Feelings and Behaviour	Making Relationships	
16-26 months	 Explores new toys and environments, but 'checks in' regularly with familiar adult as and when needed. Gradually able to engage in pretend play with toys. Demonstrates sense of self as an individual (independence) 	 Is aware of others' feelings, looks concerned if hears crying or looks excited if hears a familiar happy voice. Growing sense of will and determination may result in feelings of anger and frustration which are difficult to handle. Responds to a few appropriate boundaries, with encouragement and support. Begins to learn that some things are theirs, some things are shared, and some things belong to other people. 	 Plays alongside others. Uses a familiar adult as a secure base from which to explore independently in new environments. Plays cooperatively with a familiar adult. 	
22-36 months	Separates from main carer with support and encouragement from familiar adult. - Expresses own preferences and interests.	 Seeks comfort from familiar adults when needed. Can express their own feelings such as sad, happy, cross, scared and 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 Growing ability to distract self when upset. 	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	
30-50 months	 Can select and use activities and resources with help. Welcomes and values praise for what they have done. Enjoys responsibility of carrying out small tasks. Is more outgoing towards unfamiliar people and more confident in new social situations. Confident to talk to other children when playing, and will communicate freely about own home and community. Shows confidence in asking for help. 	 Aware of own feelings, and knows that some actions and words can hurt others' feelings. Begins to accept the needs of others and can take turns and share resources, sometimes with support from others. Can usually tolerate delay when needs are not immediately met, and understands wishes may not always be met. Can usually adapt behaviour to different events, social situations and changes in routine. 	 Can play in a group, extending and elaborating play ideas. Initiates play, offering cues to peers to join them. Keeps play going by responding to what others are saying or doing. Demonstrates friendly behaviour, initiating conversations and forming good relationships with peers and familiar adults. 	
40-60 months	 Confident to speak to others about own needs, wants, interests and opinions. Can describe self in positive terms and talk about abilities. 	 Understands that own actions affect other people, for example, becomes upset or tries to comfort another child when they realise they have upset them. Aware of the boundaries set, and of behavioural expectations in the setting. Beginning to be able to negotiate and solve problems without aggression. 	 -Initiates conversations, attends to and takes account of what others say. - Explains own knowledge and understanding, and asks appropriate questions of others. - Takes steps to resolve conflicts with other children. 	
Early Learning Goals	 Children are confident to try new activities, and say why they like some activities more than others. They are confident to speak in a familiar group, will talk about their ideas, and will choose the resources they need for their chosen activities. They say when they do or don't need help. 	 Children talk about how they and others show feelings, talk about their own and others' behaviour, and its consequences, and know that some behaviour is unacceptable. They work as part of a group or class, and understand and follow the rules. They adjust their behaviour to different situations, and take changes of routine in their stride 	 Children play co-operatively, taking turns with others. They take account of one another's ideas about how to organise their activity. They show sensitivity to others' needs and feelings, and form positive relationships with adults and other children. 	

	Literacy Development		
	Reading	Writing	
16-26 months	 Interested in books and rhymes and may have favourites. 		
22-36 months	 Has some favourite stories, rhymes, songs, poems or jingles. Repeats words or phrases from familiar stories. Fills in missing word or phrase in a known rhyme, story or game. 	- Distinguishes between the different marks they make.	
30-50 months	 Enjoys rhyming and rhythmic activities. Shows awareness of rhyme and alliteration. Recognises rhythm in spoken words Listens to joins in with stories and poems, one-to-one and also in small groups. Joins in with repeated refrains and anticipates key events and phrases in rhymes and stories. Beginning to be aware of the way stories are structured. Suggests how the story might end. Listens to stories with increasing attention and recall. Describes main story settings, events and principal characters. Shows interest in illustrations and print in books and print in the environment. Recognises familiar words and signs such as own name and logos. Looks at books independently. Handles books carefully. Knows information can be relayed in the form of print. Holds books the correct way up and turns pages. Knows that print carries meaning and, in English, is read from left to right and top to bottom. 	 Sometimes gives meaning to marks as they draw and paint. Ascribes meanings to marks that they see in different places. 	
40-60 months	 Continues a rhyming string. Hears and says the initial sound in words. Can segment the sounds in simple words and blend them together and knows which letters represent some of them. Links sounds to letters, naming and sounding the letters of the alphabet. Begins to read words and simple sentences. Uses vocabulary and forms of speech that are increasingly influenced by their experiences of books. Enjoys an increasing range of books Knows that information can be retrieved from books and computers. 	 Gives meaning to marks they make as they draw, write and paint. Begins to break the flow of speech into words. Continues a rhyming string. Hears and says the initial sounds in words. Can segment the sounds in simple words and blend them together. Links sounds to letters, naming and sounding the letters of the alphabet. Uses some clearly identifiable letters to communicate meaning, representing some sounds correctly and in sequence. Writes own name and other things such as labels, captions. Attempts to write short sentences in meaningful contexts. 	
Early Learning Goals	 Children read and understand simple sentences. They use phonic knowledge to decode regular words and read them aloud accurately. They also read some common irregular words. They demonstrate understanding when talking with others about what they have read. 	 Children use their phonic knowledge to write words in ways which match their spoken sounds. They also write some irregular common words. They write simple sentences which can be read by themselves and others. Some words are spelt correctly and others are phonetically plausible. 	

	Mathematical Developmer	nt
	Numbers	Shape ,Space & Measure
16-26 months	 Knows that things exist, even when out of sight. Beginning to organise and categorise objects Says some counting words randomly 	 Attempts, sometimes successfully, to fit shapes into spaces on insert boards or jigsaw puzzles. Uses blocks to create their own simple structures and arrangements. Enjoys filling and emptying containers Associates a sequence of actions with daily routines. Beginning to understand that things might happen 'now'.
22-36 months	 Selects a small number of objects from a group when asked. Recites some number names in sequence. Creates and experiments with symbols and marks representing ideas of numbers. Begins to make comparisons between qualities. 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. 	 Notice simple shape and pattern 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, eg 'before', 'later', or 'soon'. Anticipates specific time-based events such as mealtimes, home time
30-50 months	 Uses some number names and number language spontaneously. Uses some number names accurately in play. Recites numbers in order to 10. Knows that numbers identify how many objects are in a set. Beginning to represent numbers using fingers, marks on paper or pictures. Sometimes matches numeral and quantity correctly. Shows curiosity about number by offering comments, asking questions. Compares two groups of objects, say when they have the same number. Shows an interest in number problems Separates a group of three or four objects in different ways, beginning to recognise that the total is still the same Shows an interest in numerals in the environment. Shows an interest in representing numbers. Realises not only objects, but anything can be counted, including steps, claps or jumps. 	 Shows an interest in shape and space by playing with shapes or making arrangements with objects. Shows awareness of similarities of shapes in the environment. Uses positional language. Shows interest in shape by sustained construction activity or by talking about shapes or arrangements Shows interest in shapes in the environment. Uses shapes appropriately for tasks. Beginning to talk about the shapes of everyday objects, eg 'round' and 'tall'
40-60 months	 Recognise some numerals of personal significance. Recognises numerals 1 to 5. Counts up to three or four objects by saying one number name for each. Counts actions or objects which cannot be moved. Counts objects to 10, and beginning to count beyond 10. Counts out up to six objects from a larger group. Selects the correct numeral to represent 1 to 5, then 1 to 10 objects. Counts an irregular arrangement of up to ten objects. Estimates how many objects they can see and checks by counting them Uses the language of 'more' and 'fewer' to compare two sets of objects Finds the total number of items in two groups by counting all of them. Says the number that is one more than a given number. Finds one more or one less from a group of up to five, then ten objects. In practical activities and discussion, beginning to use the vocabulary involved in adding and subtracting. Records, using marks that they can interpret and explain. Begins to identify own mathematical problems based on own interests and fascinations. 	 Beginning to use mathematical names for 'solid' 3D shapes and 'flat' 2D shapes, and mathematical terms to describe shapes. Selects a particular named shape. Can describe their relative position such as 'behind' or 'next to'. Orders two or three items by length or height. Orders two items by weight or capacity. Uses familiar objects and common shapes to create and recreate patterns and build models. Uses everyday language related to time. Beginning to use everyday language related to money. Orders and sequences familiar events. Measures short periods of time in simple ways.
Early Learning Goals	 Children count reliably with numbers from 1 to 20, place them in order and say which number is one more or one less than a given number. Using quantities and objects, they add and subtract two single-digit numbers and count on or back to find the answer. They solve problems, including doubling, halving and sharing. 	 Children use everyday language to talk about size, weight, capacity, position, distance, time and money to compare quantities and objects to solve problems. They explore characteristics of everyday objects and shapes and use mathematical language to describe them. Recognise, create and describe patterns.

	Understanding the World			
	People and Communities	The World	Technology	
22-36 months 16-26 months	 Is curious about people and shows interest in stories about themselves and their family. Enjoys pictures and stories about themselves, their families and other people. Has a sense of own immediate family and relations. In pretend play, imitates everyday actions and events from own family and cultural background , eg making and drinking tea. Beginning to have their own friends. 	 Explores objects by linking together different approaches: shaking, hitting, looking, feeling, tasting, mouthing, pulling, turning and poking. Remembers where objects belong. Matches parts of objects that fit together, eg puts lid on teapot. Enjoys playing with small-world models such as a farm, garage or a train track. Notices detailed features of objects in their environment. 	 Anticipates repeated sounds, sights and actions, eg when an adult demonstrates an action toy several times. Shows interest in toys with buttons, flaps and simple mechanisms and beginning to learn to operate them. 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. 	
22	- Learns that they have similarities and differences that connect them to, and distinguish them from, others.	- Comments and asks questions about	- Knows how to operate simple	
30-50 months	 Shows interest in the lives of people who are familiar to them. Remembers and talks about significant events in their own experience. Recognises and describes special times or events for family or friends. Shows interest in different occupations and ways of life. Knows some of the things that make them unique, and can talk about some of the similarities and differences in relation to friends or family. 	 Comments and asks questions about aspects of their familiar world such as the place where they live or the natural world. Can talk about some of the things they have observed such as plants, animals, natural and found objects. Talks about why things happen and how things work. Developing an understanding of growth, decay and changes over time. Shows care and concern for living things and the environment. 	 Knows how to operate simple equipment, eg turns on CD player and uses remote control. Shows an interest in technological toys with knobs or pulleys, or real objects such as cameras or mobile phones. Shows skill in making toys work by pressing parts or lifting flaps to achieve effects such as sound, movements or new images. Knows that information can be retrieved from computers. 	
40-60 months	- Enjoys joining in with family customs and routines.	- Looks closely at similarities, differences, patterns and change.	 Completes a simple program on a computer Uses ICT hardware to interact with age- appropriate computer software. 	
Early Learning Goals	 Children talk about past and present events in their own lives and in the lives of family members. They know that other children don't always enjoy the same things, and are sensitive to this. They know about similarities and differences between themselves and others, and among families, communities and traditions. 	 Children know about similarities and differences in relation to places, objects, materials and living things. They talk about the features of their own immediate environment and how environments might vary from one another. They make observations of animals and plants and explain why some things occur, and talk about changes. 	 Children recognise that a range of technology is used in places such as homes and schools. They select and use technology for particular purposes. 	

	Expressive Arts & Design		
	Exploring and using Media and materials	Being imaginative	
16-26 months	 Begins to move to music, listen to or join in rhymes or songs. Notices and is interested in the effects of making movements which leave marks. 	 Expresses self through physical action and sound. Pretends that one object represents another, especially when objects have characteristics in common. 	
22-36 months	 Joins in singing favourite songs. Creates sounds by banging, shaking, tapping or blowing. Shows an interest in the way musical instruments sounds. Experiments with blocks, colours and marks. 	 Beginning to use representation to communicate, eg drawing a line and saying 'That's me' Beginning to make-believe by pretending. 	
30-50 months	 Enjoys joining in with dancing and ring games. Sings a few familiar songs. Beginning to move rhythmically. Imitates movement in response to music. Taps out simple repeated rhythms. Explores and learns how sounds can be changed. Explores colour and how colours can be changed. Understands that they can use lines to enclose a space, and then begin to use these shapes to represent objects. Beginning to be interested in and describe the texture of things. Uses various construction materials. Beginning to construct, stacking blocks vertically and horizontally, making enclosures and creating spaces. Joins construction pieces together to build and balance. Realise tools can be used for a purpose. 	 Developing preferences for forms of expression. Uses movement to express feelings. Creates movement in response to music. Sings to self and makes up simple songs. Makes up rhythms. Notices what adults do, imitating what is observed and then doing it spontaneously when the adult is not there. Engages in imaginative role-play based on own first-hand experiences. Builds stories around toys. Uses available resources to create props to support role-play. Captures experiences and responses with a range of media, such as music, dance and paint and other materials or words. 	
40-60 months	 Begins to build a repertoire of songs and dances. Explores the different sounds of instruments. Explores what happens when they mix colours. Experiments to create different textures. Understands that different media can be combined to create new effects. Manipulates materials to achieve a planned effect. Constructs with a purpose in mind, using a variety of resources. Uses simple tools and techniques competently and appropriately. Selects appropriate resources and adapts work where necessary. Selects tools and techniques needed to shape, assemble and join materials they are using. 	 Create simple representations of events, people and objects. Initiates new combinations of movement and gesture in order to express and respond to feelings, ideas and experiences. Chooses particular colours to use for a purpose. Introduces a storyline or narrative into their play. Plays alongside other children who are engaged in the same theme. Plays cooperatively as part of a group to develop and act out a narrative. 	
Early Learning Goals	 Children sing songs, make music and dance, and experiment with ways of changing them. They safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function. 	 Children use what they have learnt about media and materials in original ways, thinking about uses and purposes. They represent their own ideas, thoughts and feelings through design and technology, art, music, dance, role play and stories. 	