

Special Needs Language Groups

This information leaflet is to help you understand what a language group is, who it is for and what will happen in a group.

What is a language group?

A language group is when three to four children with similar clinical needs come together to learn in a fun way. Activities aim to develop attention and listening; turn taking; anticipation; understanding and using words, signs or pictures.

Who are they for?

- Pre-school children who can give their attention to adult led language activities for brief periods.
- Pre-school children who learn best in a social setting.

What will happen in a language group?

- Each child is accompanied by one adult and we sit in a circle.
- We always start by singing hello and we finish with bubbles and a goodbye song.
- Many activities involve singing and signing.
- The children are expected to take turns and pass items around the circle to the child sitting next to them.
- The children are encouraged to use signs or words to make choices.
- The children are encouraged to listen to target words and follow simple instructions.
- During the sessions carers are given specific activities that they can practise at home.
- At the end of the session, parents and carers are able to ask questions.

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