

Learning Ideas 16-26 Months

- Play copying games with me, like using the same metal spoon as I've got to make the same noise that I'm making on the fence.
- Share photos or videos of me doing things and talk with me about what I'm doing.
- Use my dolls or teddies to show me how to pretend to look after a baby or use my cars to show me how to pretend to go on a journey. Talk to me about the things you are using and what you are doing with them.
- Let me help you to share out the sandwiches and fruit onto plates, so that everyone has something to eat.
- Talk to me about the sounds we can hear when we go for a short walk.
- Make the sounds of animals and things when you're sharing a book with me.
- Play games with me where I must follow instructions like "roll the ball" or "throw the ball".
- Let me help you with unpacking the shopping by telling me to find different things like "find the apples" or "find the crackers".
- Show me and give me choices about what I can have to eat, like "yoghurt or banana".
- Give me a bucket to put interesting things in when I'm digging in the garden.
- Give me rolling pins and cutters to see what I can do with them when I'm playing with the dough.
- Let me wash my hands and face by myself.
- Let me try to put my boots on by myself.
- Let me point to things or tell you things as you share my favourite stories with me.
- Let me make lots of marks using chunky pencils /crayons / chinks.
- Count with me as you put my clothes on, like "one sock, two socks" or "one button, two buttons, three buttons, four buttons".
- Let me explore what "full" and "empty" looks like when I'm playing in the bath with plastic bottles.
- Let me play with puzzles that I must try and put the piece into the matching space.
- Give me a big piece of paper or shower curtain on the floor to see what marks I can make with a paint brush, my hands or my feet.
- Give me ribbons or scarves to hold as I dance to music.
- Give me an old telephone so that I can pretend to phone you.
- Give me a bowl of soapy water so that I can wash my baby doll.
- Share stories with me that are about children and families.
- Let me tell you about photos about grownups who are special to me, my brothers and sisters, my friends and my pets.
- Let me splash in puddles when I'm wearing my boots.
- Let me mix water and mud together to make "mud pies".
- Let me use the camera to take pictures of things.