**Useful resources for developing early language and communication**

**Websites:**

<https://www.parenta.com/2014/09/16/5-ways-to-encourage-language-development-in-your-childcare-setting/>

<http://www.talkingpoint.org.uk/about-talking-point>

<http://www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/earlyyears/>

<http://www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/projects/early-years-commitment/>

<https://www.ican.org.uk/>

**Materials:**

Early Years Communication guide (You should have a copy in your setting or contact SALT)

Early Language monitoring tool (This is available on the HUB)

ECAT materials (Google ECaT)

Top tips for talking poster - <http://licensing.ican.org.uk/sites/licensing.ican.org.uk/files/Top%20Tecniques%20Poster.pdf>

I CAN materials e.g. babbling babies, toddler talk – can be found on the website – some are free

**Activities/resources:**

* Songs and rhymes (including actions songs and songs to encourage interaction) – baby shark, what do we do with a Lazy baby, this is the way they ladies ride, round and round the garden, this little piggy, ‘name’ on a trampoline
* Stories – picture books, lift the flap, family books, group book, story props
* Opportunities for talk – meal times, key person times, nappy changing
* Talking spaces – tents, seats for two, cosy corners, boxes
* Musical instruments
* Makaton
* Communicating – waiting for a response, asking permission, telling them what you are doing or what is going to happen next
* Questioning hand rule (1 question to 4 comments ratio)
* Being a commentator! (narrating what the child is doing)
* Visual timetable
* Bubble time – 1:1 uninterrupted time for 5 minutes
* Real life props – old phones, microphones, intercom, role play
* Matching level – if a child is using 1 word, then the adult uses two words; child using 3 words then adult uses 4 words etc