**Top Tips for Supporting 12 - 18 month old Communication**

**Pointing**
When your child points to an object name the object – say what he/she sees
If your child tries to say the word say it back to them – this helps reinforce their understanding of words

**Talking...**
Use everyday routines e.g. “mummy is putting coat on”
To help your child connect with what they see
Supports child to understand their environment

**Play...**
Introduce noise making toys, sound activated books, simple cause / effect toys to encourage his/her attention and listening skills

**Singing...**
Singing nursery rhymes e.g. ‘Incey-wincey spider’ ‘Pat – a – Cake’, and ‘peek- a- boo’
Helps your child to make connections – object and language, helps your child to develop attention and listening skills

**Naming**
Label the objects your child sees e.g. toys, objects, household items, parts of their body
The more the child hears a word, with the object it helps them to remember it.