Communication and Language: Listening, Attention and Understanding

<u>Understanding</u>			
Selection of linked objectives and ideas for supporting child development		Early Learning Goals	Useful Books
May indicate two-channelled attention, e.g. paying attention to something of interest for short or long periods; can both listen and do for short span	Provide opportunities to listen in different kinds of environments, e.g. outdoor spaces, dens, large and small rooms and buildings.	Listen attentively and respond to what they hear with relevant questions, comments and actions when being read to and during whole class discussions and small group interactions	Please refer to the Reading Spine for book list
Listen to and talk about stories and non fiction books to build familiarity and understanding  Able to tell the story without pictures or props	Link events in the story to your own experiences, talk out loud about what you are thinking at various points in the story or with regard to illustrations	Make comments about what they have heard and ask questions to clarify their understanding;	
Ask questions to find out more and check they have understood what has been said to them  Answers who, what, where, when, how questions	Ask children what they are doing, what have they found out – show genuine interest in what they have discovered . Ask I wonder questions.	☐ Hold conversation when engaged in back-and-forth exchanges with their teacher and peers	
Describe events in some detail  Responds and follows multi part instructions	Make mistakes in your sequencing so that children learn that recounts need to be in the right order.  Model using sequencing words in your talk		