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Chatter and Story Bags

A Chatter Sack is a bag/box
containing a range of resources to
support a theme or the particular
interest of a child.

What is a chatterbag?

A chatterbag is a bag (or box) containing surprise items. They are put together to encourage children to talk and therefore develop their speech, language and communication skills.

What should a chatterbox contain?

It is important to link the contents to children's interests and previous experiences. Children often want to talk about things that they can relate to or are familiar with. This enables children to make connections in their thinking and language skills by focussing on things that they already understand.



How are chatterboxes used?

The box is designed to be introduced by an adult in small communication groups and is first opened together with the element of surprise. The contents can start off quite simple then built up over a series of sessions to increase vocabulary. Repetition is important for children to continue to make connections in their language.

Using the chatterboxes.

The contents of this box are a surprise and is something simple to do together to stimulate talking together.

Open the box together then take the items out and look at and talk about them together.



A **story sack** is usually a drawstring bag that contains a range of items to support a particular book. It includes at least one copy of the book, and could include any related rhymes and songs, some small soft toy or plastic characters from the story.

Use in the same way as the Chatterbag.

