

# LETTER KNOWLEDGE

It is essential that children know the names of letters in particular lower case letters.

## Learning a new letter

Identify which letters your child names correctly every time and put them in a snap lock bag. Learn 1 or 2 new letters at a time make sure they look and sound different from one another eg d and g sound similar c and o look similar. Encourage your child to name the letter after you.

### Activities

Buckets – Use cups or buckets and for counters you can use leggo pieces, coins, buttons, bottle top lids, marbles or pegs. Place one letter your child knows really well on one bucket and put the letter to learn on the other bucket. It should look and sound different from the other letter eg i and o. Say the letters in a random order in the activities below.

1. You say a letter and the child has to put a counter into the bucket with that letter on it.
2. You put the counter into a bucket and the child names that letter. (Dive Bomb)
3. The child is now the teacher and says the letter and you put the counter in the bucket with that letter on it.

Hiding game – Spread 5-9 letters that they know face up on the table include the new letter. Each player takes a turn at hiding either a sticker or small picture under one of the letter cards while the other player has their eyes closed. They then open their eyes and ask “Is it under \_\_\_\_\_” until they find it. The other player picks up the letter card named to show if the hidden picture is under that letter and has to say if it is there or not. Play continues until the hidden picture is found.

## Consolidating Letter Knowledge

Use the small set of cards (include the letter they are currently learning) to play snap. Practice the letters they can name and the letter they are learning. Don't use letters they are yet to learn.

Other games you could play

- Board games
- Go Fish
- Concentration

If you have any questions or concerns ring \_\_\_\_\_ .