

## Warm-ups

- Start by asking them how their day/ week was

### *Warm up games*

- Each of these games aims to build up the child's confidence/ test their communication skills, in a fun and non threatening environment.
- **Charades**
  - Demonstrating film titles/ book titles without explicitly saying them.
- **Mime**
  - Acting out a scenario using gestures only, no words.
- **Pictionary**
  - Using pictures to indicate objects, phrases, names of things etc.
- **Singing songs**
  - Hokey pokey, chicken dance, heads, shoulders knees & toes, I'm a little teapot, Itsy Bitsy Spider
- **Sculpting**
  - Using the body to strike poses
- **Hangman**
  - Fill in the blanks game where children try to
- **Bingo**
  - (using theme words instead of numbers e.g. animals, grammar terms)
- **Baseball Bingo**
  - Need a whiteboard. Write all letters of the alphabet on the board. Get child/children to stand at a distance. Call out a letter, and they have to run and touch that letter.
  - Best if played with a group divided into two teams
- **Who am I?/ Celebrity heads**
  - Attach the name of a well known celebrity
- **Tic Tac Toe/ Noughts & Crosses**
  - (can be used with geography/capital city qns)
- **Chinese whispers/ Telephone**

- Only works with groups. With children all standing in a line, whisper a word/sentence to the child next to you, and get them to pass it along the line. Often it has changed by the time it gets to the last child – can prove very humorous.
- To add element of competition, divide children into two groups, and use simple phrases or words, which the final child has to write down.

- **I spy**

- Think of an object in the room. Start with the sentence “I spy with my little eye, something beginning with...” and then the letter which begins the object. Get the child to guess what it could be.

NB – Don't play games for too long. If you have a group of children, don't always play competitive games because young children are notoriously competitive, and it can sometimes turn nasty.