

TALK with trains



Firstly...

Face your child, get down to their level and watch what they do.

Then start to **copy** their play and **comment** on what they're doing:

*"Push, push push, your pushing your train up the hill.
Your train is going under the bridge."*

In activities...

Encourage your child to help build the track. Talk out loud as you solve problems to fix the pieces together "This piece is too small, I need a longer piece. Let try turning it around, it fits now."

Offer a choice: "Do you want the red engine or the green engine?"

Model imaginative play: "All aboard the train to the beach. Don't forget your bucket and spade. Off we go."

Words they should hear...

**train, engine,
carriage, track,
bridge**

**under, over,
through, round,
in front, behind**

**push, pull, turn
around**

choo choo, chug