



Attention Autism

Attention Autism is a learning Approach that aims to;

- Develop natural communication skills through highly motivating activities
- To engage and improve attention
- Develop enjoyment of shared activities
- Encourage spontaneous interaction
- Build a wealth of vocabulary

There are 4 stages to the programme. Children start with stage 1 and the following stages are added when the children are ready to progress.

Stage 1 - The Bucket - Focuses attention

This stage is all about building the children's attention, listening and to engage for a short period of time. The bucket is filled with highly motivating and visually appealing items such as wind up or light up toys. These are produced one at a time and handled only by the lead adult. This focuses the children's attention on an adult led activity.



Stage 2 - Attention Builder - Sustains attention

This stage is also visually stimulating. The leading adult shows an activity to the group that is fun, visually engaging and sustains their attention for a little longer than the bucket toys. The activity will have a sequence that gradually builds to an exciting end.





Stage 3 - Interactive Game - Shifts attention

The aim is to encourage the children to shift their attention to their individual participation and back to the attention of their peers. The leading adult demonstrates a simple, structured and engaging activity to the group then invites the children to take a turn.



Stage 4 - Table Top Activity - Transitions Attention

The lead adult demonstrates a simple creative task and then the children are given the supplies to complete the same task themselves. They take these away to a table to copy the task and then bring it back to the lead adult. The creations are then shared and celebrated with the group no matter how they turned out!

