

MAKATON MATCH

Use this fun and exciting activity to enable children to experience a rich language environment and develop communication skills.

The words and Makaton signs on the following pages are linked to the poster 'Lawand's Story'.

WHAT YOU WILL NEED

- The poster 'Lawand's Story'.
- Printouts of the word cards on the following pages (one copy of each).
- Printouts of the Makaton signs on the following pages (one copy of each, A4 size).

WHAT TO DO

1. As a starting point, talk to the children about Makaton and how people use it to communicate. You could watch a clip of the CBeebies show Something Special that features Makaton, or the first-ever CBeebies bedtime story signed in Makaton (by Rob Delaney in November 2018).
2. Show the children the poster 'Lawand's Story' and talk about the different words and signs on the poster.
3. With the children standing in front of you, hold up each word card in turn and encourage them to say the word with you.
4. Put down the cards and do the Makaton sign for each word in turn, encouraging the children to join in with saying and signing the word.
5. Display the printouts of the Makaton signs around the room so the children can see them easily, spacing them out as much as possible. Say a word and ask the children to run to the correct Makaton sign. Then try holding up the word cards. Can the children still connect the word to the sign?

EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE LINKS

Communication and language

- Listening and attention – listen attentively in a range of situations; respond to what they hear with relevant actions
- Understanding – follow instructions involving several ideas or actions

Physical development

- Moving and handling – show good control and co-ordination in large and small movements

WORD CARDS

Cut out and use these word cards for the Makaton match activities.

hello

journey

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Cut out and use these word cards for the Makaton match activities.

family

school

WORD CARDS

Cut out and use these word cards for the Makaton match activities.

cat

sea



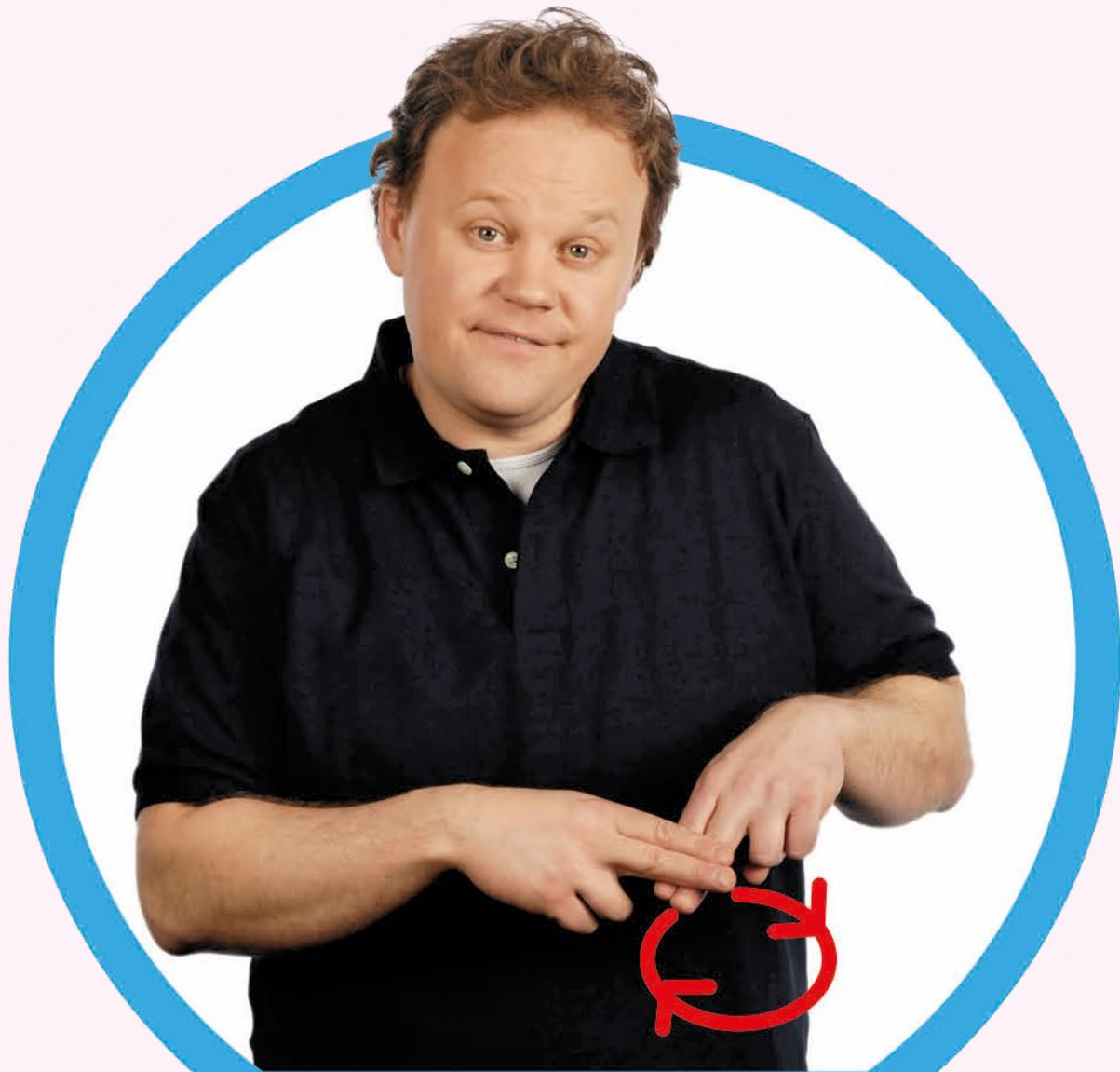
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