

Sensory Support Team 0-25yrs Weekly Update



Welcome to our weekly update on 21st January from the **Sensory Support Team 0-25yrs** for children and young people with a hearing loss or visual impairment and their parents, carers, school staff and professionals.

Weekly Update 21 January 2021

Dear Families,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well. I know lots of us are trying to juggle so many things at the moment with home schooling and working from home.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your ongoing support, this truly is a journey we make together, thank you.

As always, please feel free to contact your QToD/QTVI or myself if there is anything you would like to discuss or anything we may be able to support you with.

I look forward to hearing from you with anything you would like to share with our Sensory community.

My warmest wishes to you all

Sibel



Copies of our newsletters can be found at

[Weekly update on 14th January 21.pdf](#)

[Weekly update on 17th December.pdf](#)

We would also love to be able to share your stories, videos and real-life experiences so please drop me a line. We are happy to help with the technology side of things!

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Excellent News to Share

Welcome back to Jay, our excellent Habilitation Specialist! We will be in touch very soon to arrange support.

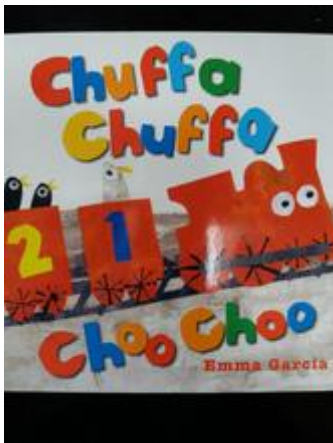
Best regards

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Sensory Support Team, Family Support Group

Still virtual and having fun!

Our story this week was 'A Busy Day for Birds' by Lucy Cousins. We shared a penguin craft idea and sang 'Two little dickie birds', '5 little ducks' and 'There's a worm at the bottom of the garden' (unlucky with all those birds about!)



Next week our book will be 'Chuffa Chuffa Choo Choo' by Emma Garcia where a train picks up birds at every stop.

We'll be singing some train and counting songs: 'Down at the station', '3 little monkeys jumping on the bed', '3 little ducks', '12345 once i caught a fish alive', '2 little dickie birds' and sharing some train related craft ideas!

Some samples of the handy work of participants of our last weeks session





If you would like to join in with our next session please contact your QToD/VI or email Bridget at Bridget.Joyce@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

If you'd like to be added to our WhatsApp group email Jo at Joanna.Brass@cambridgeshire.gov.uk



Parent Mentor Scheme

Have you heard of our Parent Mentors?

This idea brings together two parents, one of whom is further down the road with their sensory-impaired child, for empathy, encouragement and support – the kind of support that only someone in a similar situation can offer.

Last week in the newsletter Jo and Ati wrote about their recent, and ongoing, experience together as mentor and mentee.

If you would like to be matched with a mentor, or to offer some time as a mentor, please do get in touch by emailing either Catherine at catherine.byers@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or Rose at rosemary.woolgar@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

How can we offer you More?

Dear Families,

As a Sensory Team we are always looking for ways to offer you more

Would you be interested in a chance to meet with other families and attend themed online session linked to Deaf/Vision Impaired issues?

We need your help. Could you spare 30-40 mins to join a focus group?

We would love to hear your ideas on what would be of interest to you and your family.

If you would like to be a part of this please email Dani at danielle.lebrun@cambridgeshire.gov.uk for a virtual invite

Virtual meeting: Wednesday 3rd March at 4:30 – 5:15pm

Support for young people 14+ with autism

Voice Ability run monthly online drop in sessions for young people aged 14+ with autism, staffed by people with autism from their Speak Out Council. Take a look at [VoiceAbility Speak Out poster.pdf](#)

RNIB Events

Events start on 4 February 2021 and are a great way for children and young people with VI and their families to make new friends, try new things and engage in some much-needed fun.

Crafty creations, fun for the whole family

Thursday 4 February 2021 at 4pm-6pm

Saturday 6 February 2021 at 11am-1pm

Keeping children safe online, parent session

Thursday 11 February 2021 at 7pm-9pm

Eye link for young people (topic to be decided by participants)

Group 1 (14-17 year olds) – Wednesday 24 February and Wednesday 3 March 2021 at 6pm-7pm

Group 2 (18-25 year olds) – Wednesday 24 February and Wednesday 3 March 2021 at 7pm-8pm

The Pizza Pantry, cooking session for children aged 11-16

Saturday 27 February 2021 at 11:30am-1pm

The Enormous Crocodile, story and craft for children aged 5-12

Saturday 6 March 2021 at 11am-midday

Red and the Wolf, sensory story session for children with complex needs

Saturday 20 March 2021 at 11:30am-12:30pm

Jump, jiggle and jive, music and movement session for babies and children up to age five

Saturday 27 March at 11am-midday

Family spring festival, fun for the whole family

Saturday 10 April 2021 at 10:30am-midday

For more information contact cypf@rnib.org.uk or visit our [online booking form](#).

This Weeks Fun Activity



Do a silly dance with your adult and siblings.



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