

# Nursery

How to Help

Communication & Language and Reading

# Communication and Language

There are two areas of learning we assess on in the nursery:

- Listening, Attention and Understanding
- Speaking

# Speaking

- Beginning to use more complex sentences to link thoughts (e.g. using and, because)
- Able to use language in recalling past experiences
- Can retell a simple past event in correct order
- Using talk to explain what is happening and anticipate what might happen next
- Questions why things happen and gives explanations
- Beginning to use a range of tenses
- Will use language they hear at home and at Nursery
- Builds up vocabulary that reflects the breadth of their experiences
- Uses talk in pretending that objects stand for something else in play
- Talks about things that are important to them

## Listening, Attention and Understanding

- Listens to others one to one or in small groups, when conversation interests them
- Listens to stories with increasing attention and recall
- Joins in with repeated refrains and anticipates key events and phrases in rhymes and stories
- Focusing attention – still listen or do, but can shift attention
- Is able to follow directions (if not intently focused on own choice of activity)
- Understands the use of objects e.g. which one do we cut with?
- Shows understanding of prepositions
- Responds to simple instructions
- Beginning to understand how and why questions.

# Ways to help at home

- Read to your child – Encourage children to look at books that interest them. Let them choose a book they want from the library.
- Encourage your child to ‘read’ what is happening in the pictures. Prompt them to tell you in a sentence about what is happening.
- Talk to your child – Encourage them to talk in sentences about what they are doing, what they can see and what they have done.
- Play games like ‘I spy’
- Sing alphabet songs and talk about the names of the letters
- Sing nursery rhymes

# Comprehension

It is very important that children understand what they have read. A quick way to check your child's understanding is by asking questions on the text.

- What do you think the story is about?
- What might happen next?
- What happened in the story?
- Who was your favourite character and why?
- What was your favourite part of the story and why?
- What happened in the beginning, middle and end of the story?

# Parental Involvement

- We want parents to be involved.
- Parents see aspects of their children that teachers may not see.
- Children may do things at home which they don't in school.
- We want a full picture of each child when assessing them.

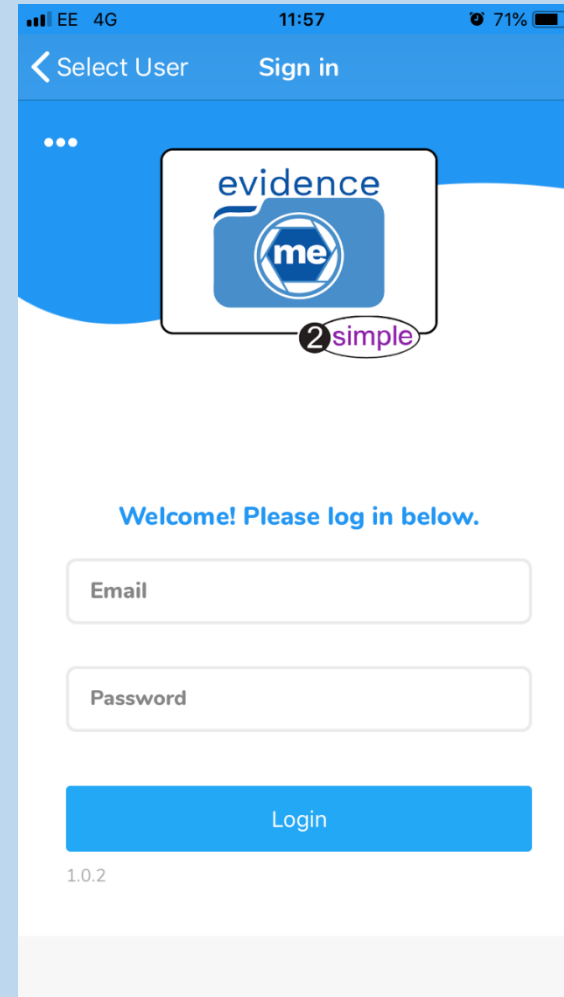
# Parent Observations



- The way parents can share observations is via the Evidence Me app.
- Please download the **Evidence Me app** through your device.
- The app will enable you to share photos and videos of your child's learning at home with your teacher.
- You will receive some photos showing your child's progress in Nursery through this app too.

# Setting up the app.

- Once the app has been downloaded you will be able to log in using the email and password you've created through the activation email.



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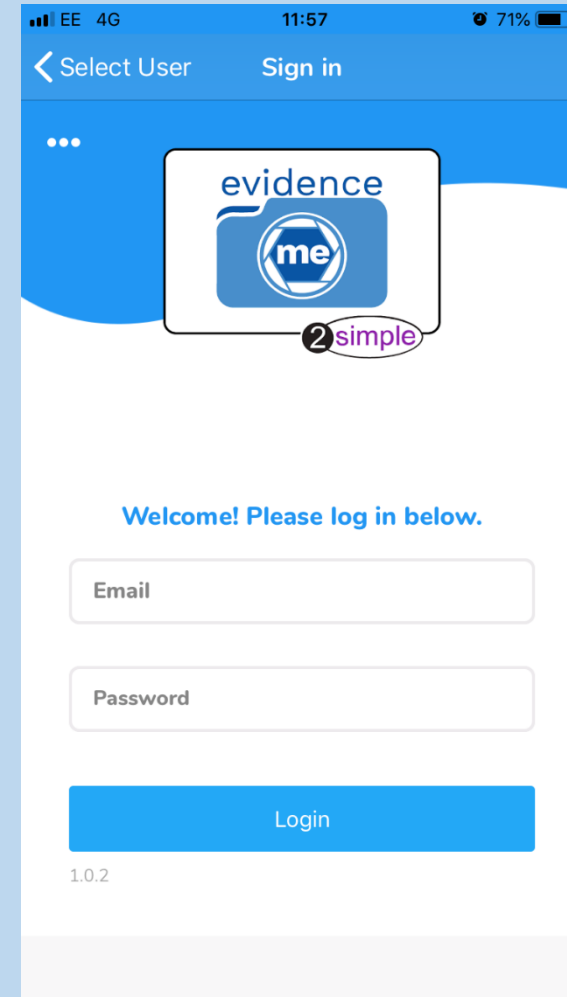
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This observation is saved locally on your device. It will be uploaded to the school's observation library when you add a Learner to it.



Date 26 Sep 2019

Time 11:58 am

Observed by Ramya

Parent Submission Pending



Last updated by Ramya on 26 Sep 2019 at 11:58 am

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# Questions or Help?

- If you need any help or have any questions?
- Please ask one of the Nursery team when dropping off or picking up your child.

Thank you for your ongoing support.