



Spring & Easter talking tips



With a spring in your step, it's an enjoyable time to talk together. Here are some tips from the West Berkshire Every Child A Talker (ECAT) team:

Give your child at least ten seconds to respond to you

'Thinking time' is very important and it will help your child to share their ideas and to talk about what they can see around them.

Name items

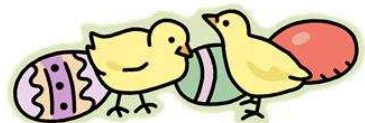
There are lots of changes happening outside. Help your child to spot the changes and talk about what you can see. Name the things your child is looking at and repeat new words several times for them to hear.

Use describing words

Try to use lots of different describing words (**yellow** daffodil, **shiny** Easter egg). Talk about how things feel, taste, look and smell (**prickly** grass, **sweet** chocolate and **tall** flowers).

Talk about actions

Enjoy activities together and talk about them. Emphasise action words and repeat them several times for your child to hear. Play games that involve taking turns to complete different actions (e.g. **jump** on the grass, **roll** the Easter egg, **catch** the blossom).



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