

Chatterboxes



What is a chatterbox?

A chatterbox is a box containing surprise items. They are put together to encourage children to talk and therefore develop their speech, language and communication skills.

What should a chatterbox contain?

It is important to link the contents to children's interests and previous experiences. Children often want to talk about things that they can relate to or are familiar with. This enables children to make connections in their thinking and language skills by focussing on things that they already understand.

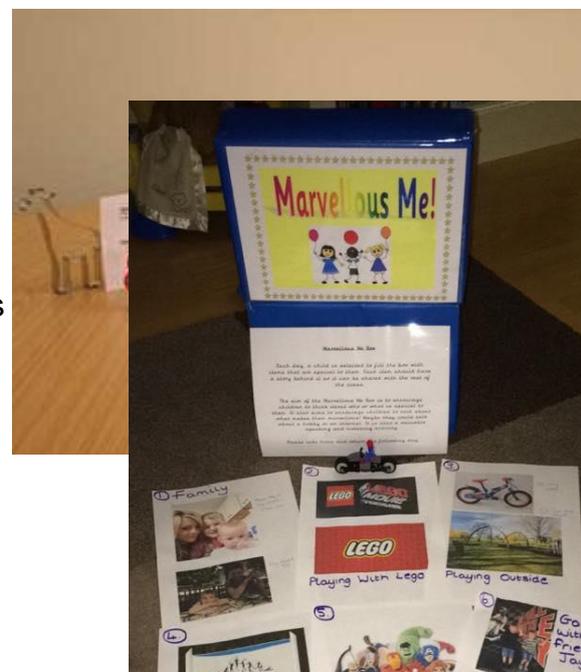


How are chatterboxes used?

The box is designed to be introduced by an adult in small communication groups and is first opened together with the element of surprise. The contents can start off quite simple then built up over a series of sessions to increase vocabulary. Repetition is important for children to continue to make connections in their language.

How can chatterboxes be developed?

Once chatterboxes have been introduced and modelled, they can be used throughout the setting and sent home to parents as an activity for them to use with their child. [Chatterbox prompts](#) can be placed in the boxes to enable practitioners and parents to have ideas on how they can be used



Chatter bag



Dear parent/carer,

Northfield Manor is excited to introduce to your child the '**chatter bag**'. The chatter bag is a great learning tool to encourage your child, to participate in social time and class discussions.

What is a chatter bag?

A chatter bag is a special bag unique to your child. The bag is put together to encourage children to talk and therefore develop their speech, language and communication skills.

How is a chatter bag used?

The chatter bag will have a challenge card placed inside by your child's class teacher, relating to a specific topic. This challenge will change half termly.

What is included in a chatter bag?

Chatter bag contents vary depending on the challenge set. It may contain objects or pictures relating to the topic.

Challenge time

So let's get started the first challenge this term will be '**Marvellous Me!**'

- Fill the bag provided with **4** things that you can use to tell the class all about you. These can be pictures, objects, certificates etc., As long as the objects fit in the bag. If you want to look for ideas please see our blog yearrnma.wordpress.com
- Bring your fantastic chatter bag in for **Thursday 24th September** so we can learn all about you.

We all look forward to sharing your chatter bag 😊

Reception Team

