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| MOVEMENT +COORDINATION | SOCIAL + EMOTIONAL | PLAY + UNDERSTANDING | LANGUAGE + COMMUNICATION |
| Rolls from tummy to back | Knows familiar people and begins to know if someone is a stranger | Puts things in his mouth to explore them |  | Responds to sounds by making sounds |  |
| Pushes up with arms when on tummy | Likes to look at himself in a mirror | Reaches to grab a toy he wants, things that are out of reach |  | Blows raspberries |  |
| Leans on hands to support himself when sitting | emotions and often seems happy | Copies gesture |  | Makes squealing noises |  |
| Gets to a sitting position by himself | Likes to play with others, especially parents/main caregiver | Looks for objects when dropped out of sight. Toy, spoon, etc. |  | Strings vowels together when babbling (ah, eh, oh) and likes turntaking when making sounds |  |
| Moves items from one hand to his other | May be afraid of strangers or shy and nervous | Explores things in different ways like shaking, banging, throwing |  | Lifts arms up to be picked up |  |
| Uses fingers to move food towards himself / herself. | Has favourite toys and people | Puts something in a container and takes things out |  | Makes sounds to show joy and displeasure |  |
| Sits without support | Reacts when a main care-giver leaves, may be clingy with them | Looks for things he sees you hide. Like a toy under a blanket |  | Uses simple gestures like shaking head for no, waving bye-bye |  |
| Rocks back and forwards on knees,sometimes crawling backwards before forwards | Repeats sounds or actions to get attention | Looks around at things nearby, showing curiosity |  | Responds to own name |  |
| Crawls | Puts out arms or legs to help withdressing | Finds hidden things easily |  | Begins to say consonant sounds |  |
| Drinks from a cup, without a lid as you hold it |   | Starts to use objects correctly. E.g., drinks from a cup, brushes hair |  | Copies sounds and gestures of others and makes sounds withintonation |  |
| Picks things up between thumb and pointer finger. Like small bitsof food |  | Bangs 2 things together |  | Understands no (briefly stops when you say it) |  |
| Pulls up to stand |  | Lets objects go without help |  | Uses fingers to point at things |  |
| Walks, holding onto furniture |  | Pokes with index finger |  | Responds to simple spokenrequests |  |
| May take a few steps withoutholding on |  | Follows simple directions like |  | Says mama, dada, uh oh |  |
| May stand alone |  |  | Tries to say words you say |  |

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| MOVEMENT | COORDINATION | DAILY ROUTINES | SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL | PLAY & IMAGINATION | UNDERSTANDING | EXPRESSION |
| Actively explores, interested in outside | Drinks, with cup held in 2 hands, may spill a little | Tries to help with dressing and personal routines;arm out for sleeve, etc | Seeks  attention, may be sometimes clingy | Is interested in pushing and pulling things; buggies, toycars | Likes to have conversations with adults; may skipbetween topics | Learning new words every day |
| Able to climb on and offchair without help, either sideways orbackwards | Makes attempts, sometimes with success, to fit shapes into inset boards, sortersor jigsaw puzzles | Beginning to associate a sequence of actions with daily routines; knows what happens next | Explores new situations, toys, etc, but checks in for reassurance, orcuddle if anxious | Curious about toys and exploresenvironment | Listens and responds to simple instructions, out of context; Ben, get your shoes;Ali, put your teddy inbed | Able to make themselves understood half thetime or more |
| Walks and runs without falling over | Can throw ball forward without falling | Knows where things belong, coat and shoes by the door | Can express emotion; may cry at small injury,seek help orcomfort | Matches objects with parts that fit together;puts lids on pans,teapot | Follows adult body language, including pointing, gestureand facial expressions | Uses words for actions (run, eat, etc) aswell as namingobjects and people |
| Able to start and stop running under own control | Fills and empties containers, takes items in & out of cupboards, boxes | Starting to understandstart | Can tolerate gradually longer separation from main caregiver,may sometimes | Can organise and categorise objects; all the teddies, cars, etc | Recognises and points to named pictures of everyday objects in books | Beginning to put two to three words |
| Squats and rises without using hands | Beginning to put on and takes off hats and simple shoes | Copies adult in simple task; shaking clothes,pulls at bedding,holds cutlery | Growing sense of self, determination; may lead to anger,frustration, tantrums, | Early make believe play; feed teddy, drive car, | Begins to find small detail in pictures on request | Copies familiar expressions |
| Able to walk upstairs and downstairs holdinghand or rail, 2 feetper step | Turns pages of a book, sometimes one at a time | Starting to understand regular events | feelings; excited if hears happy voice,concerned at crying | Begins to move to music, a regular beat, listento or join in rhymesor songs | Sits and listens to simple story book withpictures | Begins to use words to refer to people and things that are notpresent |
| Attempts jumping off a bottom step withone handheld | Feeds self with spoon | May know when wet or soiled and communicate thatto adult | Plays alongside other child or children eachdoing separateactivity | Uses toys according to function, e.g.,offers to adult | Able to make simple choices: Orange or Milk? Teddy orDolly? | Sings or gestures along with favouritenursery rhymes, butwords not always clear |
| Jumps, both feet together, off the Ground | Interested in making marks in differentmaterials | Able to wait a short time for needs or wants to be met | Repeats actions that produce laughter and attention | Starts to share; some give and take when adult prompts | Beginning to understand concepts of size;big, little, more, etc | Beginning to ask lots ofthat |
| Walks into large ball to kick it | Looks closely at and beginning to use toys withbuttons/flaps orsimple mechanisms | Sometimes insists | Enjoys messy play & different textures | Recognises objects and people in pictures | Can indicate body part on self, teddy/dolly,adult when named | Makes requests by naming, with orwithout pointing or gesture |
| Pushes along with feet on sit astride toy | Beginning to balance blocks to make smalltowers | Manages a few easy behaviour rules with support andencouragement | Plays cooperatively with an adult; rolling a ballback and forth | Can focus on activity of own choice for short times | Interested in books; rhymes and may havefavourite. Hands book to adult to share. | May become frustrated when unable to make self- understood; mayresult in tantrum |

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| **MOVEMENT** | **COORDINATION** | **ROUTINES** | **SOCIAL - EMOTIONAL** | **PLAY - IMAGINATION** | **UNDERSTANDING** | **EXPRESSION** |
| Explores playground equipment, outsideenvironment | Explores new toys to see what they can do | Removes and puts on coat;\*may need help for fastenings | Generally, separates easily from caregivers | Uses large boxes as cars, Houses etc in play with otherchildren | Understand when we talk about people not present; | Can express needs and wants using phrases/ 4-to-5-wordsentences |
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| Goes up steps, alternating feet, may alternate coming down, may hold rail | Makes marks on paper tosometimes tell about it. Can paint using a brush | Can change shoes \*may need help for fastenings and correct feet | Is aware when others are distressed although may be | Cooperates with other children in play; joins in chasing games, group of children playing | Can follow two-part instruction- no visual cues/ outside a | Approaches adults and children, makes contact; smiles\*in appropriate situation |
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| Climbs up and slides down,\*may needencouragement/help | Eats, using a spoon and fork and can drink from a cup | Can make choices from 2 or 3 possibilities | Comes to an adult when needing help, when upset or | Joins in cooking/ sand/ water activities, pouring, mixing,kneading | Knows familiar action rhymes, songs & rhymes and can fill inmissing words or actions | Talks about pictures/ stories in their own words and can linkto own experiences |
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| Can move forwards and backwards and moves around avoiding collisions | Can pour sand/ water/ milk from one container to another | Attempts to do up zips and buttons | Often likes to play withtowards them and familiar adults | games | Can take turns in a conversation that someone else has started |  |
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| Can run, avoiding obstacles and turning corners | Can snip with scissors, screw up paper for collage | Can sit with the group and participate in social snack | Expresses emotion - clear facial expressions; argues withwords not just actions | Imaginative play extends to sequences, washing, dressing,feeding doll/teddy | Can tell simple news andquestions | Able to use pronouns (I, he) |
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| Can balance on one foot for 3 seconds; able to hop with onehandheld | Can thread beads/ reels on a lace with stiffened end | Can focus on a task: e.g. Helps to set the table |  | Shares a picture book with an adult for 5 mins | Points to detail in pictures; - bigpig? | Is usually intelligible to new or unfamiliar listeners |
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| Can focus on partner, catch with two hands and kick alarge ball | Can fit Duplo, Sticklebricks etc together | Can go to the toilet by themselves | Listens to and responds to other children, with talk,during play | Can make a simple model from | In a small group, listens and attends to simple stories, withpictures | Uses some positional word; in, on, up, down, under |
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| Can jump off last step, maywant to hold hand | Can screw objects together /take off simple lids | Can wash and dry handswithout supervision | Can share toys and take turnswhen encouraged | Imitates play of other childrenand adults | Understands in, on, under,down, up, big, little |  |
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| Can ride a trike or bike with stabilisers, learning to steer | Can roll playdough into balls | Stops playing, helps to tidy up toy they were playing with; putsin the right boxes | Developing self-conscious emotions; guilt, pride,embarrassment | Actively participates in group game; Farmer wants wife,duck, goose | Recognises objects by how they are used; Which one doyou drink from? | Is usually fluent |
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| Can throw a small ball to an adult, whilelooking at the adult | Can pick up and place pieces in a simple interlocking jigsaw | Can shift attention from one activity to another | Developing a sense of humour | Begins to dress up using props: hat, wand, tools, shoes | Aware of time in relation to events; after lunch, at theweekend | Can use p b m n w h t d and all vowel sounds and some of s f kg |
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| **MOVEMENT** | **COORDINATION** | **ROUTINES** | **SOCIAL - EMOTIONAL** | **PLAY - IMAGINATION** | **UNDERSTANDING** | **EXPRESSION** |
| Able to walk on tiptoes or heels, when asked, or along a line, 1 foot in front of theother | Handles crayons and brushes with reasonable control | Changes own shoes *placing on correct feet;* Fastens and unfastens Velcro | Developing stable friendships | Shows imagination during small world play, sequencing events and stories | Follows 3 instructions to carry out an activity without visual cues | Uses well-formed sentences; may have some grammatical |
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| Goes up and down steps with alternating feet, one foot oneach step | Can draw using straight and curved lines | Dresses and undresses by themselves except for difficultfastenings | Generally, cooperates with playmates and beginning to beable to negotiate | Takes turns and shares toys with other children | Listens and appropriately joins in talk about current activitywith adults and other children | Easily understood although may still be some immaturitiesin speech sounds: eg: r, th, ch |
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| Explores playground equipment. Uses slides and swings, may need | Cuts along straight lines and beginning to cut around a shape | Generally, gets clothes the right way out and round for dressing | Attempts to comfort playmates who are upset or hurt | Plays board game in small group: adult supported | Understands concepts like biggest, more, just one | Can describe an event in reasonable order |
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| Jumps high with feet together, lands with more control fromstep | Can copy or continue a pattern using coloured beads, cubes,shapes | Helps to set table, serve and participate in social snack | Able to talk about the feelings of characters in stories: cross,scared, happy | Draws or paints recognisable pictures without prompting | Shows understanding of story by simple question orcommenting | Uses language to gain information and give ownideas |
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| Kicks a large ball with some accuracy | Can fit together pieces to construct models, layouts;Duplo,  | Helps adults clearing up and tidying classroom | Responds to unfamiliar adult with speech | In group play takes on different roles: doctor, | Understands position and adjectives: eg: behind, long,between | Starts, takes turns and stops, in longer conversations |
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| Throw a small ball with some accuracy, catches large ballwith 2 hands | Draws person showing some details | Accepts unpredicted changes to daily routines | Aware of more complex humour, laughs at jokes thatare told | Adapts objects as props in imaginative play | Can follow spoken instructions without having to stop andlook at the speaker |  |
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| Able to balance on one foot, minimal body sway | Pours liquids with little spilling | Goes to the toilet and washes hands independently | Follows rules and likes pleasing others | Engages in make believe fantasy role play using dressing up, actions and differentvoices | Understands and follows | Can sequence 3 to 4 pictures/photos logically and talk through the story |
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| Hops on one foot or hops forward one step withoutother foot touching the ground | Completes jigsaws with 12 plus pieces | Can wipe/ blow own nose | Developing a sense of fairness | Uses and adapt the ideas of other children and adults increative & imaginative play | Understands Why/How, Who, What happened questions | Asks questions starting with: |
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| Runs and changes direction smoothly, reciprocal/ swinging arm movements | Hand dominance developing | Can focus on a game, activityuntil completed and then move onto next one | Becoming aware of other | Uses imagination to create and play with models e.g.: Duplo | Beginning to understand more | Beginning to use plurals but |
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| Pedals a tricycle including steering | Uses a fork and spoon and beginning to use knife tospread | Asks for help when needed | Developing self confidence | Is able to choose and plan play activities? | Aware of time in relation to daily routine: tonight,tomorrow | Can tell own name and age |
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