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Communication News & Free Resources



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Welcome to Signpost! Bringing you communication news and free resources for the month ahead.

Starting the new year with signing, shared reading and artistic expression!



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KEY-WORD SIGNS

Christmas may have been and gone, but there are plenty of important cultural events throughout the year. Plan ahead with key-word signs for everything from Valentine's to Diwali, using this free poster from Signalong.



Fans of Eric Litwin's 'Pete the Cat' books will love singing and signing along with this video. Join Lucy as she teaches all the signs you need to enjoy the dynamic words, music and pictures of 'Rocking in My School Shoes'.

PETE THE CAT





PROGRESSIVE CONDITIONS



Communicating through speech can become challenging for people with acquired progressive conditions. This guide to paper-based communication tools is free, accessible, thorough, and a wealth of practical strategies to make expression easier. Written in plain English by the renowned ACE Centre, this guide is suitable for individuals, supporters and professionals who want to enable lasting communication for the people they know.



EYE OF THE BEHOLDER

Every 2 years, the Alan Martin Award recognises the significant contribution that AAC users make to the arts. Becky Tyler was the 2021 winner... and has also made multiple TV appearances recently! Check out her insightful chat with Grayson Perry (hint: skip to 41:45) and see her creating pieces using Eyegaze (hint: skip to 7:35)



EYEGAZE ART

Let's Be Interactive

- Repeatedly participating in semantically rich and meaningful early literacy activities increases:
 - Literacy learner's knowledge about their world
 - Literacy learner's language learning
- (Dickinson & McCabe, 2001)



Anyone who's met Jane Farrall knows that her enthusiasm for shared reading (and its many benefits) is contagious! Shared reading is fundamental for anyone working with emergent readers of any age... including people who have communication needs or use AAC. Watch one of Jane's 2020 keynotes to gain a rewarding skill or pick up some new and engaging ideas.

SHARED READING



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