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Communication News & Resources



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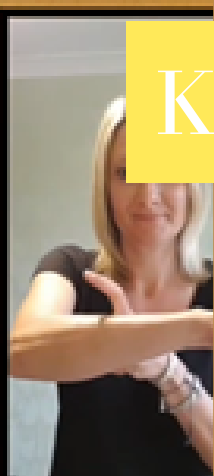
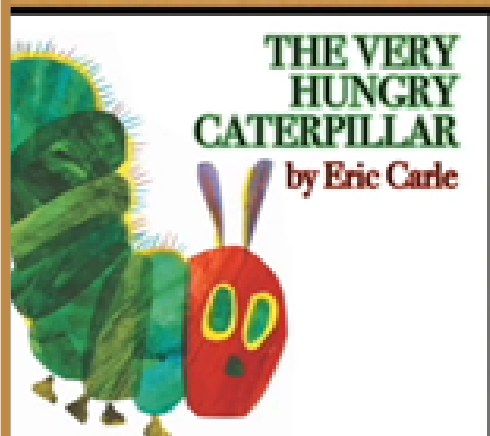
Welcome to Signpost! Bringing you communication news and resources for the month ahead.

The May edition looks at accessible (and light-hearted!) language.



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KEY-WORD SIGNS



Watch, listen and sign along to the classic story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar.'

*Learn the signs for the days of the week...
...and all the things the caterpillar eats!*

If you want to learn more, why not take a class next term? Boost your signing skills at Yeovil's Nine Springs Clinic, with local Speech and Language Therapist, Jenny Law.

The Signalong Foundation Course starts on 21st September.



...AND SIGNING CLASSES





ACCESS SYMBOL

Look out for the Communication Access Symbol! It identifies businesses who have trained their staff to support people with communication difficulties.

Communication Access training is completely free, and anyone can do it - from large corporations to local shops and individuals.

DEMENTIA ACTION WEEK

Do you know someone with dementia? Understanding each other can be tricky, but the Alzheimer's Society's Tips for Communicating will help straight away, while their 7 Things Not To Say is a really powerful two-minute read.

The 'This Is Me' communication passport is a basic necessity, especially if you have many different clinicians and care staff. Simply promote respectful, person-centred support by ensuring everyone understand the individual behind the disease.



17TH - 23RD MAY



LIMERICK DAY



There once was a boy named Joe
Who dropped a big brick on his _____
He asked, with a frown,
"Will the swelling go _____?"
And the doctor said, "Yes, I think _____"

But language doesn't have to be serious! Limericks are a fun and accessible way for people of all ages and abilities to play with language. Maybe dive straight into an activity: Worksheet 1 & Worksheet 2. Watch an animation from the BBC, or get more involved with this step by step guide from poet, Alicia Cook. Try tiny poems with a sense of humour on Wed 12th May.



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