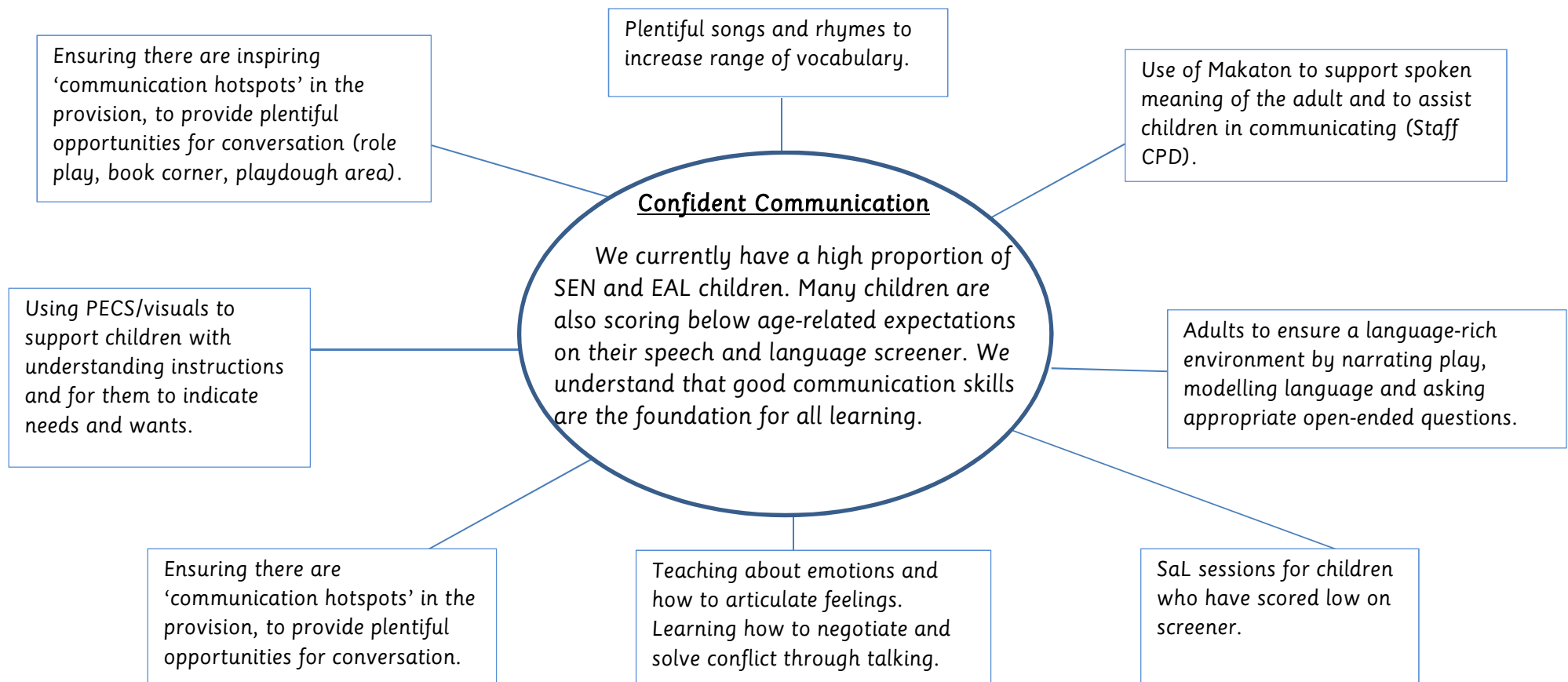


# Little Orchard Nursery Curriculum

*Our curriculum is all of the planned activities that we organise in order to promote learning, personal growth and development. It is based on the seven areas of learning as set out in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Statutory Framework (DfE, 2021).*

At Little Orchard Nursery, we have designed a rich curriculum that enables a progression of skills and knowledge over these seven areas; using Development Matters (DfE, 2021) teamed with professional judgement and discussion, to guide the experiences and teaching we put in place. This will ensure a broad and balanced learning experience.

**Additionally, we have three curriculum foci which reflect the specific needs of our cohort:**



### Teaching Zones of Regulation

High staff ratio over lunch hour so adults can model how to open packets and tubs/pour/use cutlery.

During free-flow, encourage children to access the resources they want themselves. Reinforce that toys that are finished are put away before moving on – 'choose it, use it, put it away'.

### Independence and Resilience

Our cohort currently need help to build many early skills, but do not have the confidence or want to 'have a go'. We want to develop this as having a positive attitude and approach underpins learning.

Work with parents on toilet training. For children in nappies, encourage them to help by collecting their nappy/removing shoes etc. For those using the toilet, break the task into small steps and encourage them to try each stage for themselves, i.e., removing clothes/sitting on/wiping.

Encourage a growth mind set by praising the effort, not the end product. If children say they can't do something, reinforce 'not yet'. Model making mistakes but those mistakes can be fixed.

Model how to wash hands and consistently reinforce that hands are washed before eating and after the toilet.

Teach children to put coats on using the 'flip method'. When helping with zips, encourage children to pull the zip up themselves. Talk through the steps you are taking when you help so children learn how to do this themselves.

### Outdoor Learning

Our nursery is located within a pocket of deprivation and as such, some of our children do not have access to a garden. Learning outside allows children to develop self-awareness, confidence and self-esteem, as well as a vast amount of other benefits.

Nature Walks

Eco Garden

Bug Hotel/Spider House

Forest School (Staff CPD)

Animal Corner

Free-Flow