

Useful words/signs/symbols to use....

- More
- Again
- Different
- Like
- Loud/Quiet
- Fast/Slow
- Choose

Take turns.....

- Great songs for turn taking, include 'Wheels on the bus' and 'Old McDonald'. Take turns choosing an animal or a person. Your child could choose by speaking/signing or pointing to a picture of an animal or person.
- Take turns playing instruments.

Offer choices.....

- You can offer a choice of song by drawing simple pictures to represent songs and creating a choice board.
- You could find objects which represent different songs you like to sing e.g. a toy bus for 'Wheels on the bus' or a glove to represent 'Happy and you know it' (you can use anything as long as you're consistent). The child can then point to an object from a choice of two or choose an object from a bag/box.

Singing

What is happening...?

- Comment on what is happening using simple language e.g. "lovely singing", "I like that song", "let's sing loud/quiet".
- You could model Makaton signs when singing – there are lots of great videos on YouTube e.g. 'Singing Hands' videos.

Attention and anticipation...

- Pause during a song and wait for your child to sing, vocalise or move to take part.
- Hearing songs can help your child anticipate what is coming next and support them to transition to different activities. You could look on YouTube and find simple songs to sing at different times of the day e.g. bath time, bed time or dinner time.

