

## Top Tip for Communication at Home

### Introduce an Object of Reference



Introduce an object of reference for your child. An object of reference is something that tells your child what is happening next.

You could use their cup to tell them it is time for a drink or a spoon to mean dinner time. A toy bus could mean they are going to school (on the school bus) and a nappy would signify time to change their pad.

Show your child the object before each thing happens, let them touch and explore the object, use the same words each time e.g. "drink time".

Children can use photographs or symbols of what is next in the same way.

