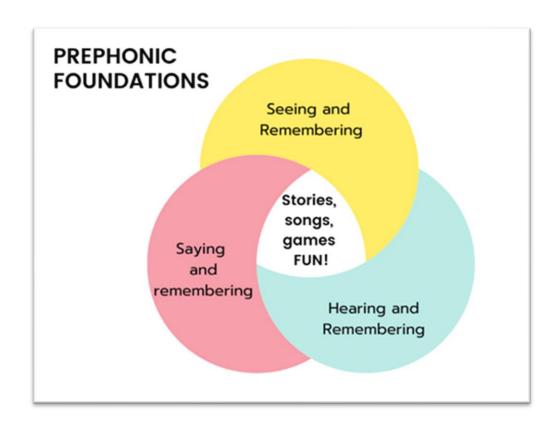
Progression in pre-phonic skills

Children need to be able to look closely, remembering what they see, hear and say. Children also need to be able to make sounds, matching them with objects, people, or patterns.

Ideas to develop Auditory Discrimination and Auditory Memory

- Sing songs every day without You Tube, too much visual stimulation reduces the auditory memory process.
- Read the same stories and rhymes repeatedly; this builds strong neural pathways in the brain in the area which associates processing with storing what children hear.
- Organise stories and songs into a progression, starting with easy rhymes like
 Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, building to complex songs like One Man Went to Mow.
 Think less about topics and themes, and more about where children are along the pre-phonic progression.
- Play games like Simon Says, I Went To The Shops and I Bought... or whispering 'pass it on' word games to help the children hear, store and repeat what they've just heard.



2 year olds

Learning Intention	Suggested activities
Listen and join in with stories, songs	Repeat finger play and rhymes until known off
and rhymes	by heart
	Go on a listening walk
Makes sounds as I join in with stories	Make loud and quite sounds including whilst
and songs.	walking
	Make shakers
Match the sound that I've heard with	Noisy dice game – From Super Sounds
a picture.	Traffic light game – From Super Sounds
	Noisy eggs – From Super Sounds
Copy the sounds that I've heard	Explore a range of books and repeat often
	Inset puzzles
	Matching games
Name some animal/objects and	Exploring musical instruments
make their sound.	Shape sorters

3 – 4 year olds

Learning Intention		Suggested activities
Listening and attention skills		Games from Super Sounds – The
Step	Make, match and copy everyday sounds	Learning Lady
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Step	Make, match and copy lots of sounds with	Games from Letters and Sounds
2	our voices and bodies	
Developing phonological awareness		
Step	Learn to break words into syllables by	
3	playing with rhythm	
Step	Learn to break spoken words into chunks	
4	by hearing, copying and making rhymes	
Phonemic awareness		
Step	Learn to hear the similarities and	
5	differences in spoken words at the start of	
	words	
Step	Learn to hear and say separate sounds in	
6	words	