Year R	Communication and Language		Provision Audit across the Year
Autumn	Spring	Summer	
Listening and attention	Listening and attention	Listening and attention	Children listen to, respond, comment and are actively involved in class and group discussion, including those based around stories.
30-50m	40-60m	Early Learning Goal	and group discussion, including those based around stories.
-Listens to others one to one or in	- Maintains attention, concentrates	Children listen attentively in a	Children listen to simple instructions, and or directions eg to put away or
small groups, when conversation	and sits quietly during	range of situations. They	work on activities, and can follow them independently.
interests them.	appropriate activity.	listen to stories, accurately	
-Listens to stories with increasing	- Two-channelled attention - can	anticipating key events and	Children can ask questions to share ideas and understanding, or to
attention and recall.	listen and do for short span.	respond to what they hear with	further their own understanding, and can link comments, ideas and questions to topics.
-Joins in with repeated refrains	Understanding	relevant comments,	questions to topics.
and anticipates key events and	30-50m	questions or actions. They give	
phrases in rhymes and stories.	- Shows understanding of	their attention to what	
-Focusing attention - still listen or	prepositions such as 'under', 'on	others say and respond	
do, but can shift own attention.	top', 'behind' by carrying out an	appropriately, while engaged in	
-Is able to follow directions (if not	action or selecting correct picture.	another activity.	
intently focused on own choice of	- Responds to simple instructions,	I In depart on din s	
activity).	e.g. to get or put away an object.	Understanding	
On to set on the c	e.g. 10 get of put away an object.	40-60m	
Understanding 30–50m	40-60m	Listens and responds to ideas	
		expressed by others in	
- Understands use of objects (e.g.	- Responds to instructions	conversation or discussion.	
"What do we use to cut things?")	involving a two-part sequence.		
- Beginning to understand 'how'	Understands humour, e.g.	Early Learning Goal	
questions.	nonsense rhymes, jokes.	Children follow instructions	
Speaking	 Able to follow a story without 	involving several ideas or	
30-50m	pictures or props.	actions. They answer 'how'	
- Can retell a simple past event in		and 'why' questions about	
correct order (e.g. went down	Speaking	their experiences and in	
slide, hurt finger).	30-50m	•	
- Uses talk to connect ideas,	- Beginning to use more complex	response to stories or	
- Uses intonation, rhythm and	sentences to link thoughts (e.g.	events.	
phrasing to make the meaning	using and, because).		
clear to others.	- Uses talk to connect ideas, explain	Speaking	
Uses talk in pretending that	what is happening and anticipate	40-60m	
objects stand for something else	what might happen next, recall and	• Uses talk to organise, sequence	
in play, e,g, 'This box is my castle.'	relive past experiences.	and clarify thinking, ideas,	
Builds up vocabulary that reflects	-Questions why things happen and	feelings and events.	
their experiences.	gives explanations. Asks e.g. who,	• Introduces a storyline or	
	what, when, how.	narrative into their play.	

	Uses a range of tenses (e.g. play,	Early Learning Goal	
	playing, will play, played).	Children express themselves	
		effectively, showing	
	40-60m	awareness of listeners' needs.	
	- Extends vocabulary, especially by	They use past, present	
	grouping and naming,	and future forms accurately	
	- exploring the meaning and sounds	when talking about events	
	of new words.	that have happened or are to	
	- Uses language to imagine and	happen in the future.	
	recreate roles and experiences	They develop their own	
	in play situations.	narratives and explanations by	
	- Links statements and sticks to a	connecting ideas or events.	
	main theme or intention.		
	- Uses talk to organise, sequence and		
	clarify thinking, ideas, feelings and		
	events.		