

# Exploring in the community

In Falkirk we know how important it is to help young children learn from, in and about their local community.

Whether it's visiting a local shop, park, or even just a walk to the end of the street, there is always lots to explore and learn.



Playing together is really important for developing your child's language, which is vital for their learning in all areas.

A few top tips to get the most out of playing together!

- Get down to your child's level & play face-to-face
- Follow your child's lead in play
- Repeat new words often
- Most importantly HAVE FUN!!!



**Talk** about the people, plants, animals or landmarks you see on your journey to help your child get to know and respect their local environment. You will be helping them to see themselves as part of their community at the same time as developing their vocabulary and communication skills.

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**Play** games and have fun spotting different sounds, numbers, shapes or letters on your walk to develop important early literacy and numeracy skills. Let your child develop their digital skills by taking a few photos or videos of things that interest them most. Develop early story writing skills by looking back at these photos later and encouraging your child to talk about the journey you made and the things you heard and saw.



Check out Muddy Days blog about fun games to play on a walk with young children.

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Play is the Way  
How will we play today?



WORK TOGETHER  
PLAY TOGETHER  
SUCCEED TOGETHER