

Pēpi says

I can copy facial expressions – I like people to pūkana to me.

I like bringing things to my mouth, especially my hands.

I'm getting louder. I can squeal and when I think something is really funny, I laugh out loud! That really gets attention.

I am beginning to move my body more. I can roll over and I like to reach for things that interest me. First I grab them, then I look at them before I put them in my 'testing machine' – that's my waha!

When we read books together, I like to grab hold of the page and pull it towards me.

Something is mamae in my waha. If I dribble a lot I might be getting teeth.



I know the familiar faces in my world really well now, and I notice a lot more details – Nannie's moko kauae and koro with his pāhau (beard).

I'm getting steadier when I sit by myself. There's a whole new view when I'm sitting up. I like it when there's a pillow behind me just in case I tip over and bang my ūpoko.

I will turn towards my whānau when they're speaking so I need them to kōrero pai (talk nicely) to each other and around me. It's important for my brain development and my emotional wellbeing.

As soon as I open my eyes in the morning I'm playing and when my whānau join in it's even more fun.



I like it when my whānau kōrero to me, especially in te reo Māori. But any language I hear regularly helps to build strong connections in my brain for speaking and listening in the future.