



The best way to make language connections in their brain is to kōrero, kanohi ki te kanohi.

We help pēpi to learn the kupu that match what they're doing, it's called parallel talk. "You're looking for the little button on the phone that makes the bleep sound."

We have a collection of objects around the whare that pēpi can explore safely. There are bits to spin, holes to poke, buttons to press and lids to open and close.

A simple walk along the awa gives pēpi so much to experience, and strengthens the connections in their hinengaro.

If we go to parties where there's lots going on, we agree beforehand on our whānau tikanga to keep pēpi safe.

We mihimihi and praise pēpi in te reo Māori. "Ka pai ō mahi", "Tau kē koe". We also give instructions – haere mai, haere atu, e noho, e tū, kia tūpato, waihotia, tohatoha, homai.