

# Whānau say

We always talk and play with our pēpi, especially when we're changing kope or giving them a bath.

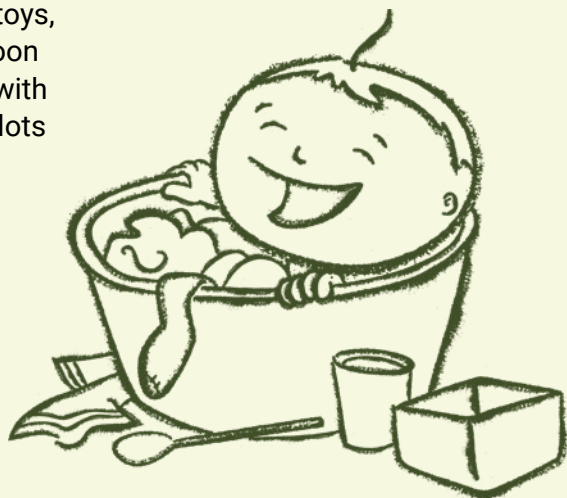
Pēpi likes to move around whenever they get the chance. And all that action can really tire them out.

We are always alert to possible dangers especially when they're on the move. It doesn't hurt to put a cushion behind them when they're sitting because they still lose their balance sometimes.

We notice the types of taonga tākaro that pēpi is interested in. Lids that open and shut, and things to bang, shake and make noises with are lots of fun.

Their little fingers love to explore, poking and pulling, and that waha still loves to taste test everything.

No need to buy lots of toys, exploring a pot and spoon or an empty container with a pop up lid gives pēpi lots of learning.



Pēpi is using information from all their senses at once: reach, poke, mouth, grab, listen and look.

We know pēpi understands a lot more kupu than they can say. When we ask, "Kei hea tō ihu?", pēpi points to their nose.

We share small chunky books with hard pages and brightly coloured pictures. Adding lots of sounds or making up stories helps to keep pēpi interested.



We know that their attention span can be quite short and that's okay.

We love it when pēpi tries to interact with us and we always respond with excitement.

Pēpi has started to stand while holding onto things, sit without support, explore objects in a variety of different ways, and pick up, bang, drop, shake and throw things.

We notice and love to record all the new things pēpi is doing. Nana and the whānau love to hear all about these too.