

Age	Skills attained
6 months	<p>alert and responsive, smile and laugh appropriately</p> <p>responsive vocalisation using a variety of vowel sounds</p> <p>visually fix on an object and follow it through 180 degrees</p> <p>pick up objects with a palmar grasp and pass from hand to hand</p> <p>sit momentarily with a straight back and hold the head steady</p>
12 months	<p>indicate their wants through sound and simple gesture (eg pointing)</p> <p>say at least 2 words with meaning and imitate a range of speech sounds</p> <p>pick up small objects with a thumb–finger grasp and put in and out of a container</p> <p>sit independently, crawl and pull themselves up</p> <p>starting to enjoy cause and effect of play</p>
2 years	<p>growing sense of independence which may manifest as oppositional behaviours</p> <p>eat with a spoon, remove some clothes, and start to develop make-believe play and imitate their parents' activities</p> <p>speech includes two-word phrases</p> <p>scribble and build a tower of 4 blocks</p> <p>walk well, run and manage steps</p> <p>enjoy playing alongside other children</p>
3.5 years	<p>increasingly independent in their personal care—brush their own teeth with little help, put on some items of clothing</p> <p>sociable and can name a friend</p> <p>speak in short sentences and point to pictures and name them</p> <p>imitate drawing a vertical line on paper and build a tower of 8 blocks</p> <p>kick and throw a ball</p> <p>interact with other children during play, mimic adult activities and mannerisms, play imaginary and creative games</p>
5 years	<p>dress and undress independently with little assistance</p> <p>speak clearly in sentences, understand some prepositions and name colours</p> <p>copy a circle and cross, draw a primitive person</p> <p>good motor skills—can run, climb, hop, pedal a tricycle</p> <p>play well-developed imaginary games, play simple board and card games, has good conversational skills in play</p>