

## Family photo books

### Learning aims

- Encourages children to show curiosity about, interest in and enjoyment of pictures and stories about themselves and their family
- Ensures children have a sense of their own immediate family and relations
- Encourages children to recognise and describe special times and events - for and with - family or friends



### Resources

- Photos of the children's families
- Card/Paper
- String or ribbon
- Various writing tools
- Collage materials

### Activity Outline

- Ask parents/carers to bring in photos of the children's family
- Encourage children to stick these into a home-made book and decorate with their choice of the size and colour of the paper and different materials
- Help children to use a hole punch to make holes and thread string/ribbon through to keep the pages together
- Encourage the children to talk about their families and mark make in the book. Scribe what the children are saying about their families – you could put these onto speech bubble outlines
- Celebrate families and the people who look after us in our families
- Use the family books at story/circle times and in small groups or 1:1 with a Key Person to talk about families

### Extending the activity

There are lots of books about families, here's some to try:

- The Large Family Series by Jill Murphy
- Guess how much I love you by Sam McBratney
- Owl Babies by Martin Waddell.

## Special considerations

*Be sensitive to those children whose family situations may be difficult due to bereavement, separation or illness when talking about families.*

*Babies need to know they are 'kept in mind' by the important adults in their lives, as they develop the understanding that a person continues to exist even if they cannot see them. You can help this vital part of development by having family photo boards and photo books of the key people in a baby's life – talk frequently about their families and what they might be doing.*