



# Meet Coltale

## Did you know?

- Talking to your baby from birth can help them learn and develop good vocabulary for life.
- By age five, a child's vocabulary can predict their education success age 30.
- A child's vocabulary at two years of age is a clear indicator of their reading ability aged 11.
- On average, a child between 18 months and two years learns eight new words a day.
- Children learn more from conversations than from instructions.

## Where to find support

The City of London Early Years team run a speech, language and communication programme called COLTALE. This means 'City of London Talks and Listens Enthusiastically'.

The programme has been designed to help parents, teachers and practitioners have a better understanding of language development and how it relates to a child's growth. Schools and nurseries in the City have adopted the programme and use COLTALE as part of their curriculum.

If you see the blue dragon, be sure that there are some helpful tips and activities for you to follow in support of your child's development. Search #ColtalesTopTips on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

For more information, scan the QR code



# Explore the World of Communication with Coltale's Passport





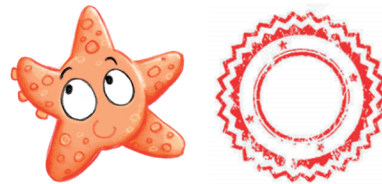
# Home learning with

Use your Coltale passport to help improve your child's communication skills by completing and talking about these tasks. Take it to the library and win a Coltale Keyring. You will then be entered into a prize draw every fortnight to win a large Coltale toy!

## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

### No 1:

Visit your local library!  
Barbican, Artizan or Shoe Lane.



### No 2:

Join the Reading Challenge at  
your local library.



### No 3:

Attend a local 'stay and play'  
or 'rhyme time' session.



### No 4:

Learn the Makaton sign for  
'book'.



### No 5:

Jump up and down 10 times  
and count each jump aloud.



# Coltale's passport

Help your child make a mark inside the red circles after completing each task, or ask your local Librarian for a sticker to put into your passport.

Follow the Family Information Service's Twitter page:

**Tweet @SqMileFamilies and let us know you have completed your passport!**

### No 6:

Can you name the Summer  
Reading Challenge characters?



### No 7:

Point to 10 things in a picture  
book and say their names.



### No 8:

Learn to sing a new nursery  
rhyme.



### No 9:

Draw a nursery rhyme character  
on a piece of card and use it to  
make the rhyme come alive.



### No 10:

Talk about at least 5 things you  
see in your local park.

