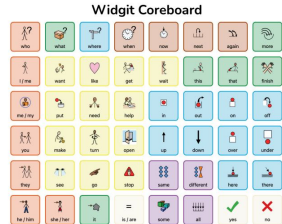


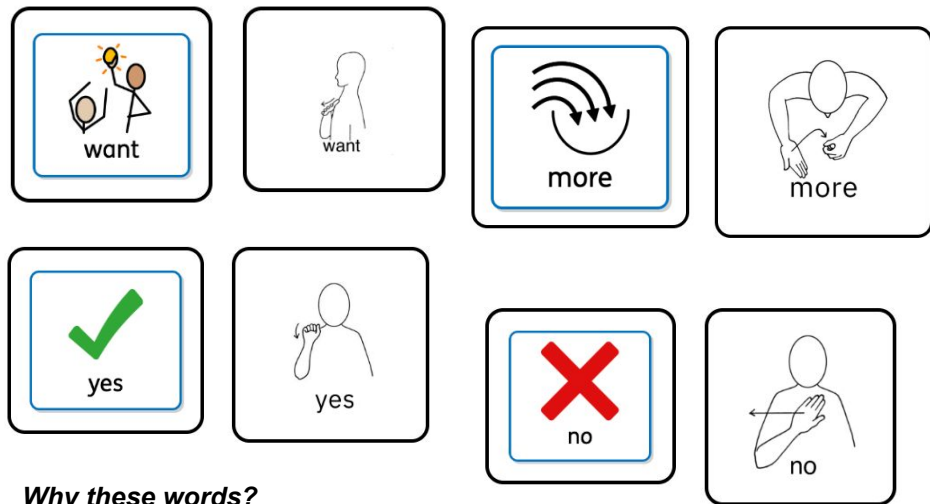
Meerkat Class

Core Words



Over the half term, we have introduced different core words, including their signs and symbols, and have been using them throughout the term alongside our Coreboards.

We thought it would be useful to share them with you too.



Why these words?

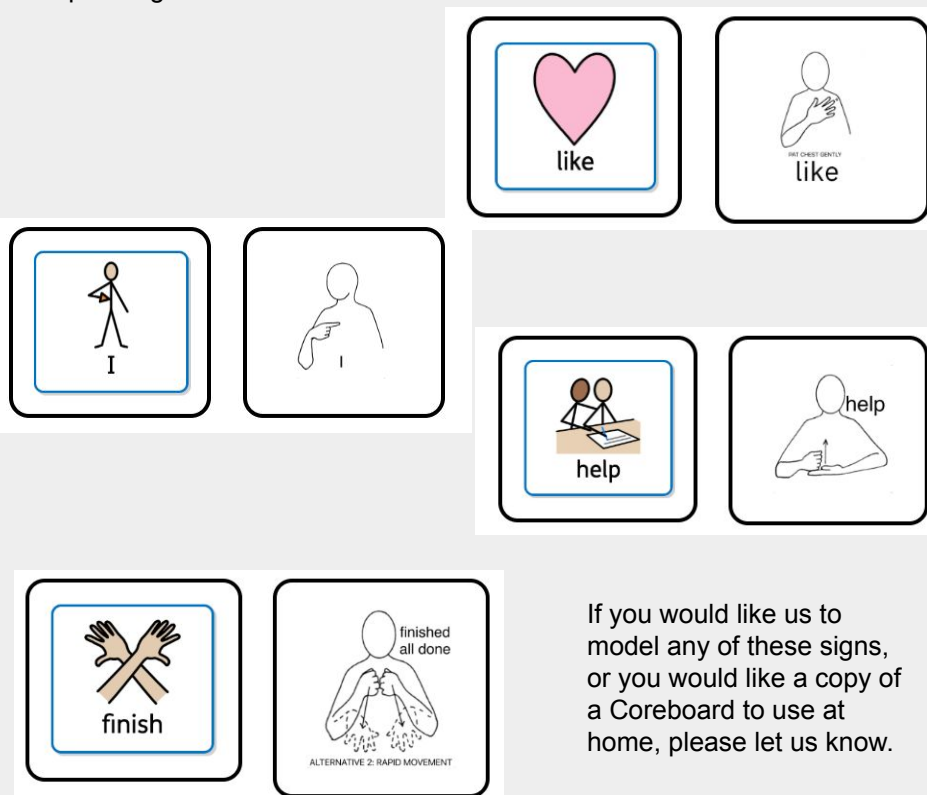
These are drawn from the Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) First 40 Core Words—a research-informed list created specifically for AAC users and learners with complex needs. These are words that:

- Can be used in a wide range of contexts
- Support spontaneous and meaningful language
- Are frequently used by early communicators across environments

Why Visuals?

When we talk, the words we say disappear instantly!

Visual supports last for a much longer time. When we use visual support at the same time as talking, we give children extra time to understand, prepare for change, and think about how to respond. Visual supports can also help children communicate. We model use of these throughout the day and do not expect children to use them as a response, however we are finding they are incorporating them in their own communication.



If you would like us to model any of these signs, or you would like a copy of a Coreboard to use at home, please let us know.