

Understanding the World

The World

0 to 11	Moves eyes, then head, to follow moving objects			
	Reacts with abrupt change when a face or object suddenly disappears from view			
	Looks around a room with interest			
	Smiles with pleasure at recognisable play things			
	Repeats actions that have an effect			
8 to 20	Closely observes what animals, people & vehicles do			
	Watches toy being hidden & tries to find it			
	Looks for dropped objects			
	Becomes absorbed in combining objects			
	Knows things are used in different ways			
16 to 26	Explores objects by linking together different approaches			
	Remembers where objects belong			
	Matches parts of objects that fit together			
22 to 36	Enjoys playing with small world models			
	Notices detailed features of objects in their environment			
30 to 50	Comments & asks questions about specific aspects of their familiar world			
	Can talk about some of the things they have observed such as plants & animals			
	Talks about why things happen & how things work			
	Developing understanding of growth, decay & change			
	Shows care & concern for living things & the environment			
40-60	Looks closely at similarities, differences, patterns & change			
ELG	Children know about similarities & differences in relation to places, objects, materials & living things			
	They talk about the features of their own immediate environment & how they vary			
	They make observations of animals & plants & explain why some things occur.			

