**Key:**
30-50 months
40-60 months
ELG
Exceeding

**Reception - Communication and Language Speaking**

- I can use talk to:
  - connect ideas
  - explain what is happening
  - anticipate what might happen next
  - recall and relive past experiences.

- I can use vocabulary focused on objects and people that are of particular importance to me.

- I use intonation, rhythm and phrasing to making my meaning clear to others.

- I can use a range of tenses.
  past (played)  present (playing)  future (will play)

- I can develop my own narratives and explanations by connecting ideas and events.

- I can use past, present and future forms accurately when talking about events that have happened or are to happen in the future.
  past  present  future

- I can express myself effectively, showing awareness of the listeners' needs.

- I can use talk to:
  - organise
  - sequence
  - clarify thinking
  - clarify ideas
  - clarify feelings
  - clarify events.

- I can extend my vocabulary, especially by grouping and naming. I can explore the meaning and sounds of new words.

- I can use language to imagine and recreate roles and experiences in play situations.

- I can build up vocabulary that reflects the breadth of my experiences.

- I can use language to pretend that objects stand for something else in play.

- I can question why things happen and give explanations. Asks e.g. who, what, when, how.

- I can recount experiences and imagine possibilities, often connecting ideas.

- I can use a range of vocabulary in imaginative ways to:
  - add information
  - express ideas
  - explain or justify actions or events.

- I can use talk to introduce a storyline or narrative into my play.