**Activities for Using Flash Cards**

Memory Activities

* *Memory Tester*
	+ Place a selection of flash cards on the floor in a circle.
	+ Children have one minute to memorise the cards.
	+ In groups, they have two minutes to write as many of the names as they can remember.

Drilling Activities

* *Invisible Flash cards*
	+ Stick 4 flash cards on the board and draw a grid around them.
	+ Use a pen or a pointer to drill the 4 words. Always point to the flash card you are drilling.
	+ Gradually remove the flash cards but continue to drill and point to the grid where the flash card was.
	+ When the first card is removed and you point to the blank space, nod your head to encourage children to say the word of the removed flash card.
	+ Children should remember and continue as if the flash cards were still there. They seem to be amazed that they can remember the pictures.
	+ Put the flash cards back in the right place on the grid, asking the children where they go, or ask your child to come up and write the word in the correct place on the grid.

Identification Activities

* *Reveal the word*
	+ Cover the flash card or word card with a piece of card and slowly reveal it.
	+ Children guess which one it is.
	+ Once the card is shown, chorally drill the word using different intonation and silly voices to keep it fun. Vary the volume too, whisper and shout the words. Children will automatically copy your voice.
	+ Alternatively, flip the card over very quickly so the children just get a quick glimpse.
	+ Repeat until they have guessed the word.
* *Point or race to the flash cards*
	+ Stick flash cards around the room.
	+ Say one of them and your child points or races to it.
	+ Children can then give the instructions to you.

***Good Luck!***