Growing up with Disability
PLUS - Communication

Jenni
He's not allowed E numbers like Iron Bru or smarties or skittles or anything, so just agreeing with him, just what I have whatever's in his lunchbox.

There you go.

Jenny, put you with Scott.

Scott's been here the last two days. Scott has Cerebral Palsy. He loves like cars and trucks and all different vehicles. He'll probably come with some ?? to play with as with. He loves like dipping his feet in the water, we did that yesterday. And getting his hands painted to make pictures with.

He also likes coming out of his chair, so if he wanted to come out of his chair and put one of these big splodges, then he'd like that too, sitting with ?? and things, so.

Yeh! You smell different, she says to Daisy. I've been in the park with the rabbits and the squirrels answers Daisy. What are rabbits and squirrels, asks Flo? Well, thinks Daisy aloud, a rabbit is like a giant mouse with very long ears and a squirrel is a short rat, with fluffy tail who lives up a tree.

Do you like squirrels? Yeh. Have you got them in your garden? No? I have them in my garden.

My dog chases them. Ummm, wonders Flo. Are you trying to get it? Are you trying to grab that camera? Yeh.

And he'll put his head up when he means yes, if you're asking him questions and put his head down if he means no, so it's quite, you know what, you know what he'll wants and he's quite clear.

Good boy. The night offers many strange smells and noises but worst of all, ahh, what could be worse Scott? What could be worse? Good boy. Almost got it.

There we go. Too many cats. Do you like cats Scott? Have you got a cat? No. Do you want a cat? Yes.

Doesn't know what to do Scott. She doesn't know what to do.

Right, are you going to turn? You turn? Ahh, can you see them all? Can you

see all the animals? There's a badger and fox and an owl.

Two strange animals appear in the moonlight but before she has time to answer, ahh, they're all sitting up for the dog. Right, turn the page. Good boy.

She loves the night but has rarely been beyond the garden gates. Are you going to turn the page again? Right, have you got it? Right, right, are you going to turn it? Ahh, well done.

Oh dear says the badger and fox, it's a wild cat. Oh no shouts Flo, it's Daisy, ahh no, it's Daisy's afraid of the cat. What we going to do Scott? Going to find out what happens?

Are you going to turn it? There you go.

James (Scott M's Dad)
Scott's been coming to Play Plus now for about a year and a half and he gets great enthusiasm and what not for it. What he actually gets out of it is just, just some fun time with other kids. It's quite difficult, I'm a single parent and working full time, you don't really have much time to, you know, do anything as it were. So it just me a wee bit of free time to you know, do a bit in the garden or if I'm working like in you know, to take Scott to work with me. I'm very fortunate cos it's a family business.

Jenni
He does have limited vocabulary. He might come with his computer today and if he does then he'll be chatting away to you all day.

What's your favourite room to go into?

Do you like to play on the street? Do you like to play out on the street with all your friends? Where about? That one. Ahhh.

Scott
Gran's house.

Jenni
Like to go to Gran's house? Which one? Dad's work? Do you like to go to dad's work?