SINGING IN 3D WITH SHABANG!

THE HELLO SONG

We hope you enjoy this original Shabang Song.
Here are some ideas to help your song go with a swing – we call this "singing in 3D" – it helps to make a song as accessible as possible, for everyone. Shabang songs are pretty straightforward to sign in Makaton.

THE HELLO SONG is a wonderful way to start your day – it is written so that children's names can be included and they can be greeted individually or in pairs. The props are simple – squares of fabric cut to the size of a hanky which can be waved throughout the song.
Take time to say and sign "Hello" to each member of your group individually giving them plenty of time to say hello back or wave their hanky. This Shabang greeting is one to suit everyone – whether children have spoken communication or not, it still works well. If a child needs support to wave the hanky, this can be given by a member of staff.

Decorate Your Hanky....
- Use fabric paints. The children can make their own designs. Use printing blocks, brushes, fingers, handprints etc Iron the hanky to "fix" the paint
- Tie dye your hankies
- Children can decorate their hanky with their name or initial

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Alternatively...
- Cut your hankies from squares of different plain coloured fabric - great way to teach and learn colours and the signs for colours

Keep your class hankies in a special bag. Create a ritual around your Hello Routine. Choose a bag which is individualistic - a good colour and texture which can be recognised by sight and touch - even smell if you include a small potpourri bag or spray with essential oil (lavender usually suits everyone and is safe). A zip to open the bag can make a great fine motor challenge for some children and can be built into your routine.

NB: Use the "Yes Please Song"
as a precursor to the Hello Song
Would you like a hanky?
Yes Please, Yes Please etc



Have fun and let us know how it goes – send us pictures – we would love to see how you get on.

Click to listen to 'The Hello Song' on YouTube
Click to listen to 'Yes Please' on YouTube

We've been singing these songs at Shabang for a long time now - here are some blasts from the past, captured on film.

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