How to develop:

Your child's ability to predict

Strategies

- **Build opportunities into everyday moments** – using what the child sees, does, hears everyday.
- **Use visual support** - gesture, objects, photographs, symbols.

Activities

Sequencing pictures:
Use sequencing pictures to support the child to think about what will happen next. When they have ordered some of the pictures already, provide a choice of 2-3 pictures and ask the child what they think will happen next? Ask the child to think of other possibilities for what could happen too.

Using 'What if…' questions:
Read short stories together and the adult asks *"What would happen if…?"* questions at the end of each page/scene. You could also build this into real life scenarios e.g. "What would happen if… we didn't wear a coat when it was raining?" etc.

Spot the errors:
The adult tells a story and makes intentional errors about what happens next. The child must listen to the story and identify what is wrong or what doesn't make sense and then explain why. Child to provide suggestions about what would happen next.