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Children
Play, Nurturing & Curiosity

The Joy of Stories



**Joy is a fundamental
part of every Childhood**

Joy doesn't always
follow the rules

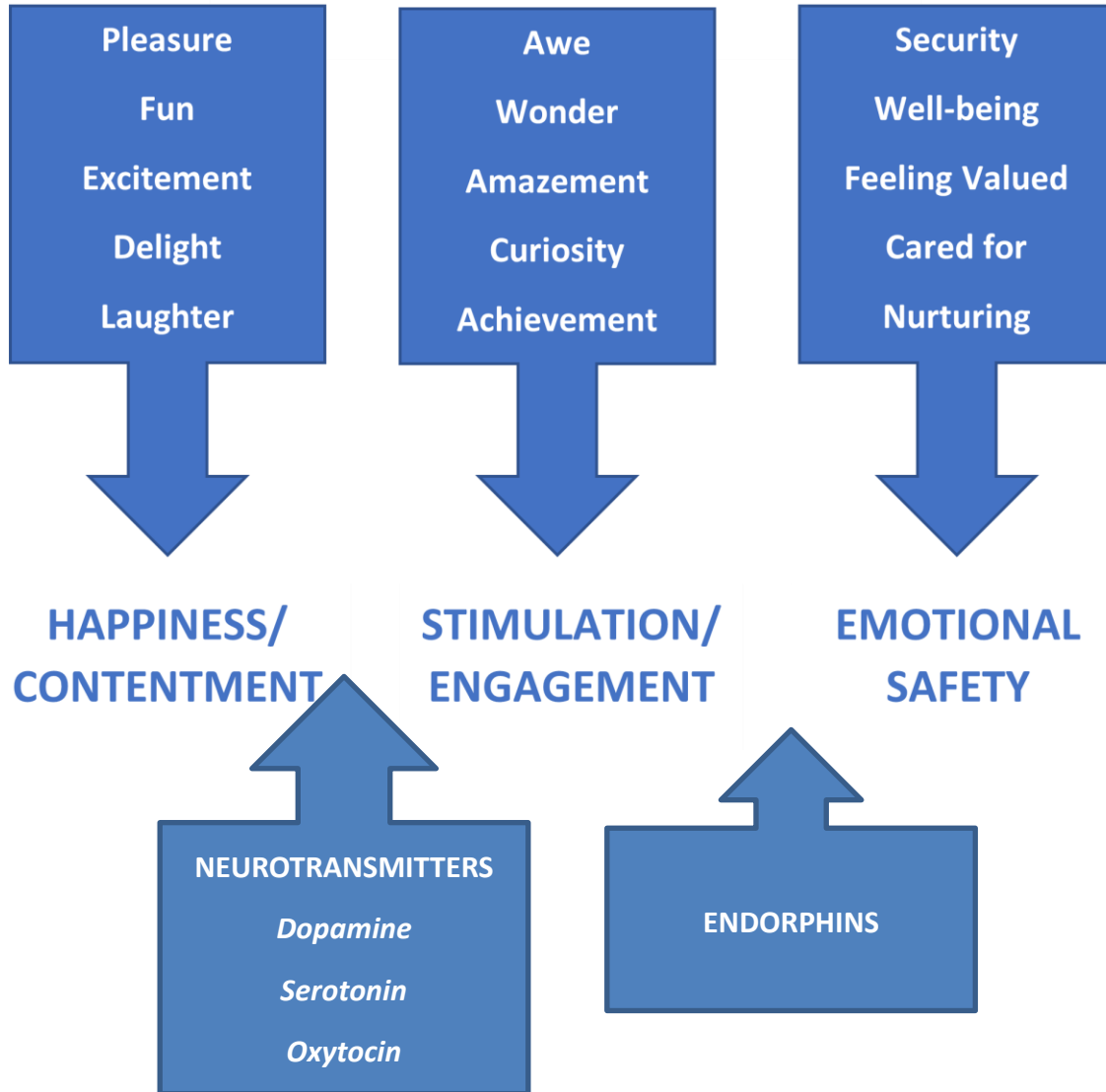
Joy breaks down barriers

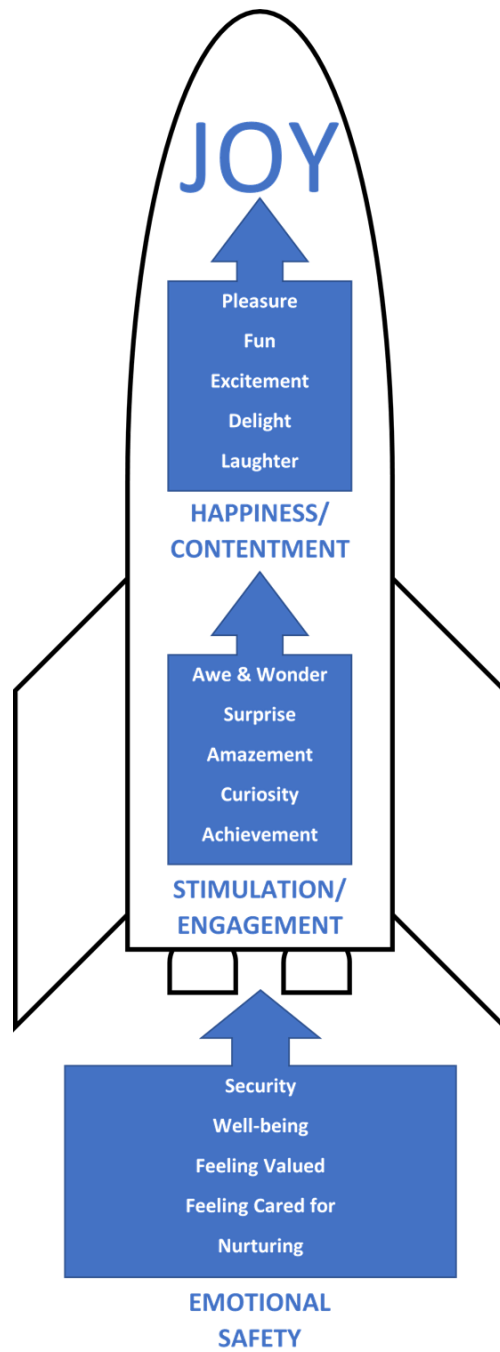
Joy underpins every
aspect of development

Joy is the difference
between a child
thriving and a child
struggling

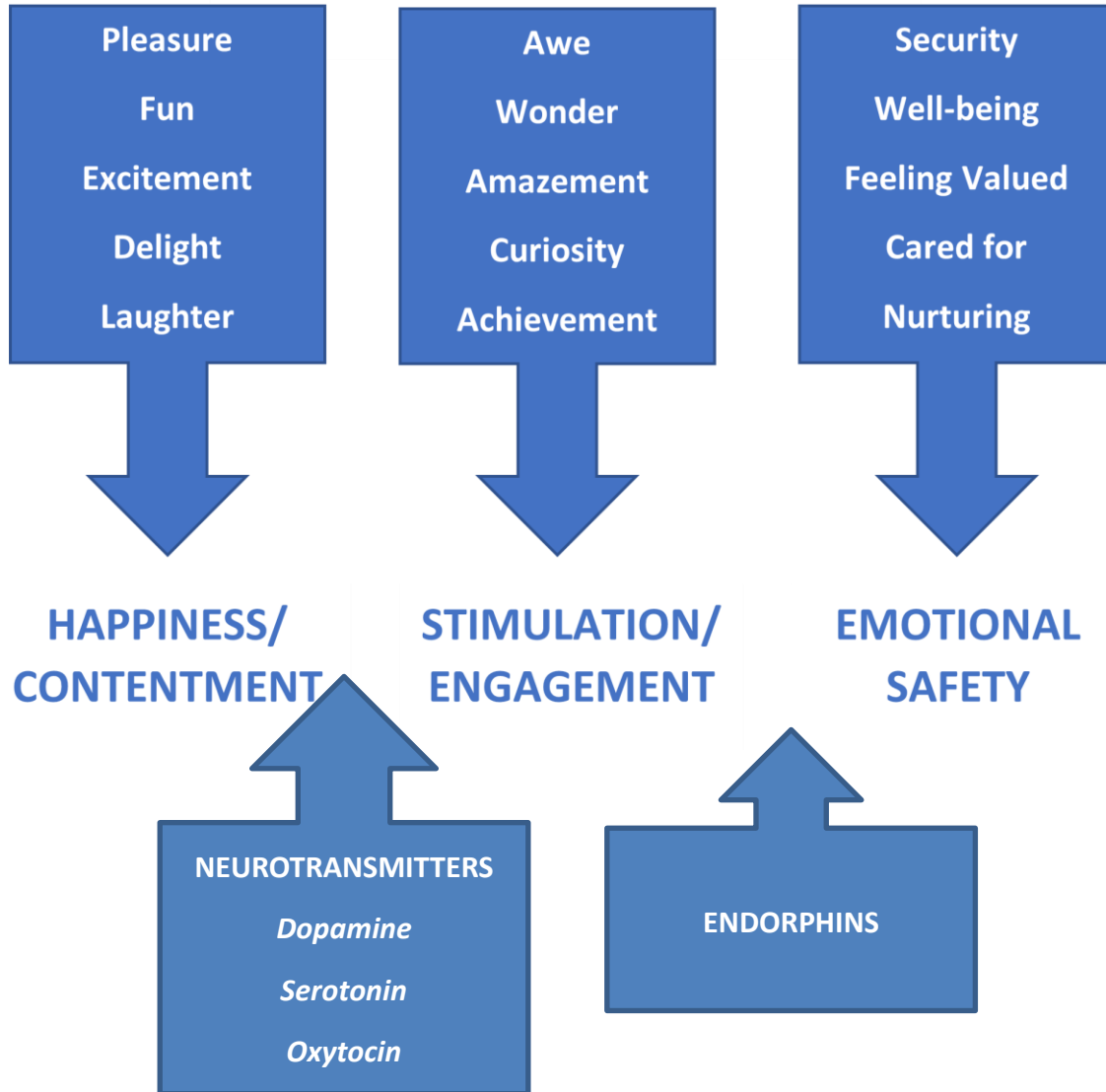


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Foraging and exploring

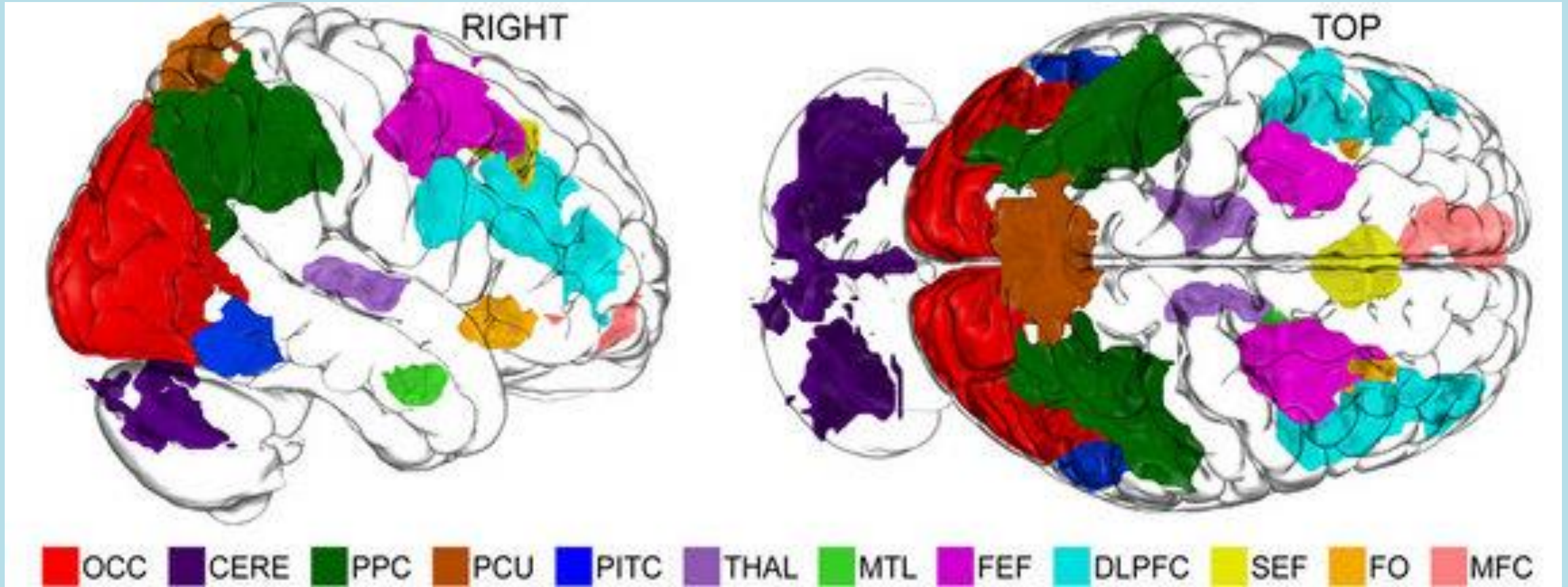


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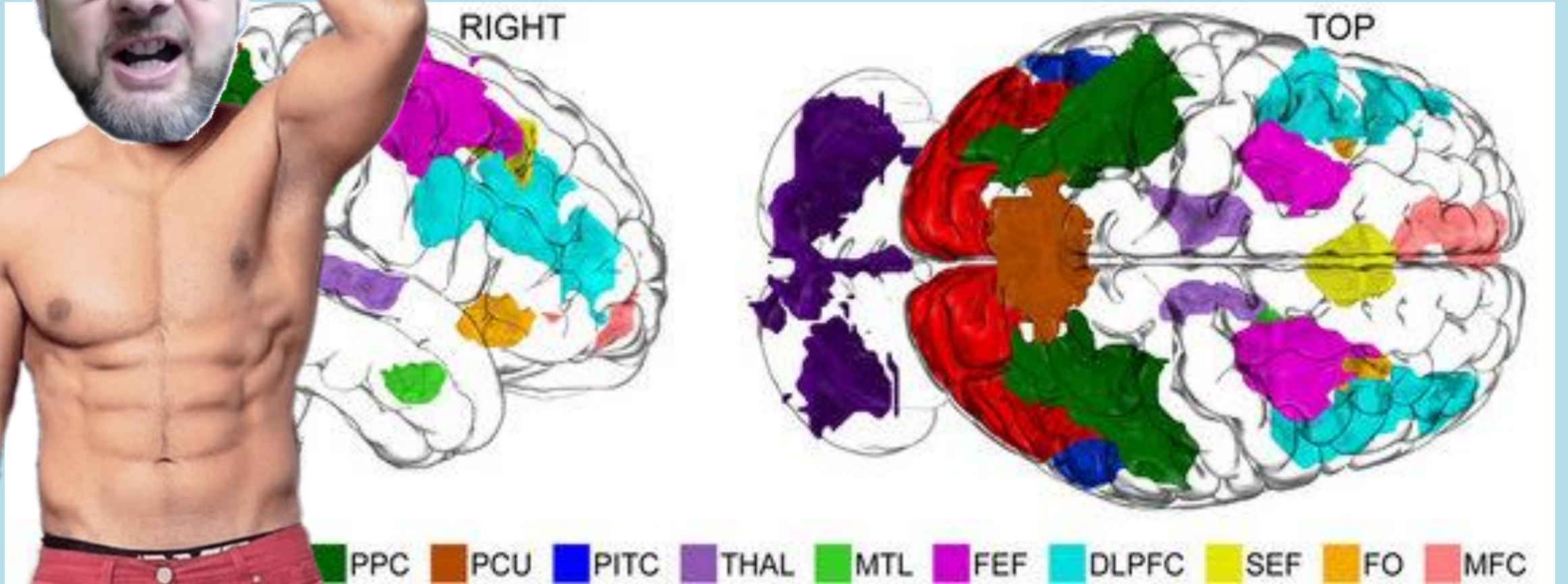
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Early Writing

Young children need to feel three things when they write and mark make: joy, purpose and magic

Greg Bottrill

If children see stories as something they are part of rather than as something done to them, they may just want to tell their own stories, and maybe, just maybe they might just want to write them down.....

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Birth to 5 Matters

To write meaningfully, children must have the motivation and inspiration to write in the first place. They need to understand that writing has meaning and that the words they write can be read back again.

This understanding will come from seeing adults and others around them using writing for a purpose and modelling the use of written language in a range of contexts, such as shopping lists, invitations, postcards, text messages, emails, greetings cards, storytelling and so on.

So how do children learn to speak in the first place?



Eyebrows?

Facial Expression

Body Language

Emotion

Voice Tone

JOY!

Words

Context

Inflection

Reading Stories with Joy

- Eye contact
- Seating Level
- Positioning of book
- Distractions
- Preparation
- Characters and voices
- Joy!



Story Lines

1. "Get out of my bathroom." Cried the princess

2. There, at the bottom of the cauldron was a large pink frog.

3. "Come with us!" squeaked the goblins

4. And then suddenly with a roar of joy, tyrannosaurus began to dance....

5. There was a long silence and then

.....a.....aa.....aaaaa.....aaaaaaaaachooooooooooooo!

6. "Aha" said detective Felix, "jam and custard footprints."



The Strange Meeting

One night three children were having an adventure walking through a mysterious _____. Suddenly there was a noise that sounded just like a _____ and an enormous _____ appeared.

All three children felt very _____ at this sudden appearance.

The enormous _____ was the most peculiar colour. Or should I say colours? Half of it was _____ whilst the other was a vibrant _____. It rumbled and it bumbled as it hobbled and bobbed along making a smell that was unpleasantly like _____.

Music and Singing

Music and rhythmic sounds are intrinsically important to development, uniquely inspiring communication and language.

Singing is also an intensive cardiovascular exercise building strong healthy lungs.

Singing is so intrinsically linked to communication and language and the only effective way to develop phonological awareness and auditory discrimination. It is now believed to have pre-dated speech!



The tenner in the pocket feeling!



Are we fun?

Do our Children experience joy?

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Give Joy the Green Light!





Thank You for Listening

Yes Ben does come to settings! Please get in touch if you need any more information or if you want Ben to come to your setting and inspire your team.

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Check out Ben's books!

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