



Getting to know you week My favourite things

Equipment

Colouring pencils/pens/paint and paper
Whiteboard and whiteboard pens
Whiteboard feature on device

Vocabulary

Core – *again, different, do, don't, drink, eat, fast, feel, get, go, good, happy, help, I, in, make, me, mine, more, my, off, on, put, play, read, sad, stop, that, it, like, little, look, want, what, you*

Fringe – *favourite, colours, people, animals, places, activities.*

What to do

This activity is all about getting to know each other. Whether you're starting a new school year with lots of new faces, or just reconnecting with some old friends – chatting about your favourite things can be a great place to start!

So, for this activity just spend some time talking about your favourite things while modelling some language using an AAC device. **Don't have an expectation that an AAC user is going to use their device – but if they do then great!**

Here are some modelling ideas to support this activity:

- You can pre-programme some questions/phrases onto an AAC device and model how to use these (e.g. "My favourite food is..." or "I like..." "What is your favourite?")
- You can model using the whiteboard feature on one of our vocabularies and draw some of your favourite things
- You can model some key words on an AAC device while doing an arts/crafts/sensory activity (e.g. painting your favourite thing)

For support with any of the ideas above, get in touch with your local AAC consultant!

Sentence Ideas

1WL – *this, like, mine, more, that, eat*

2WL – *like this, want more, I like, feel happy, don't like, like different, play this*

3WL – *this is good, I like that, I like eat, what you like?*

Language Functions

Requesting – that, want that

Directing – do, let's do this

Commenting – like this, this fun

Refusing – no, don't like that

Interjecting – it's so fun, yay!

Generalisation

Choose a few favourite things and get out and experience them to create even more communication and connection opportunities. For example, you could go and get a burger and milkshake or visit the alpacas at your local petting farm.