

FIRST YEAR MILESTONES

0-8 Weeks

- smiles for the first time
- gurgles with pleasure
- expresses likes & dislikes
- cries real tears
- gazes at your face briefly
- lifts head briefly when on tummy

8-12 Weeks

- watches people moving
- watches leaves on trees moving
- watches facial gestures
- turns head towards things
- interested in shiny items
- holds head upright
- waves arms & kicks legs
- discovers hands & feet
- swipes at toys
- closes hand around objects
- mumbles & gurgles
- enjoys listening to singing

12-16 Weeks

- studies your hands & face
- puts everything into mouth
- rolls from back to side
- puts toes in mouth
- makes vowel sounds
- blows bubbles
- expresses boredom

16-24 Weeks

- has a special toy/blanket
- turns to search for you
- reacts to own reflection in mirror
- rolls from back to tummy
- rolls from tummy to back
- attempts to raise to hands & knees from tummy
- sits up straight when leaning against you
- stretches arms to be picked up
- passes objects between hands
- sticks hand in your mouth
- shakes & bangs toys
- responds to own name
- recognises opening bars of songs
- makes new sounds & uses consonants

24-34 Weeks

- selects books/toys
- pays attention to small details
- sits up from lying down
- pulls up to standing
- takes steps with support
- bounces without leaving the ground
- starts to crawl
- grasps small objects
- pushes doors closed
- claps hands on request
- puffs & blows
- dances to music
- first solid foods
- first tooth appears

34-42 Weeks

- cries when another baby cries
- understands names of objects
- recognises categories (animals, toys)
- recognises people in different circumstances
- wants to play games with other people
- calls family members
- repeats words after you
- uses a bottle to feed you
- plays peek-a-boo

42-52 Weeks

- says "No"
- recognises names of body parts & can point to them
- looks for something you've hidden
- fills & empties bath toys of water
- tries fitting different sized containers inside each other
- scoops up food with a spoon
- points out objects for you to name
- tries talking into a phone
- helps with house work (sweeps, dusts, etc)
- helps when you dress them
- uses objects as steps to climb