

NEW AARDMAN PRE SCHOOL SERIES...

'THE VERY SMALL CREATURES'

... ARE LOOKING FOR THE **BEAUTIFUL BABBLE OF TODDLERS** AGED BETWEEN **18 MONTHS AND 2 ½ YRS** TO VOICE THESE WONDERFUL NEW CHARACTERS!



What do we mean by 'babble'? The stage when toddlers have just a few real words, but they happily chat with word-like noises. We are after the sounds and emotions that come from real toddlers, without hearing any real words.

We'd like to invite families who have a child of this age to send a short 'test' recording taken by their parents to be considered for the series. Our Director will then listen and select children to be recorded by one of our sound recordists.

Final recordings are due to take place for a morning or afternoon between 19th July and 27th August (TBC) either at the Aardman Studios in Bristol or at some nurseries and play spaces around Bristol.

We do not pay for submitting a test, but if your toddler is selected for the recording sessions a one off fee of £100/child plus £50 chaperone fee will be paid. Help will also be offered to cover things like travel expenses and translation if required to enable accessibility for all selected children to take part.

If you would like to submit a recording of your child, here are some notes along with a recording to demonstrate the type of thing we are after from our Director, Lucy;

Here are some good things to ask your little one to say;

- 1) "hiya"
- 2) to count to ten (if they carry on counting, keep recording 😊)
- 3) sing a song (you could choose one they know (it doesn't matter how recognisable it is)
- 4) to roar like a dinosaur or lion
- 5) pointing at one of their toys, ask them to tell you who it is (then perhaps elaborate and ask what they're doing or what do they like to do)

The more they babble the better! If you find that you start asking questions but they lose attention and go off to play by themselves, see if you can record them happily talking/babbling away as they play.

Have a listen to the audio example mp3 attached to see how I collected a recording. Try your best not to talk over them so we can clearly hear what they say. It's also easier for us to tell what they're saying if they're not bashing or banging hard toys together as they play. If you have something soft they can play with, that'll be best for the recording.

Thanks so much for doing a test for us,
Lucy (Director)
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Once you have made your recording, please email the sound file to;
verysmallvoices@aardman.com

One of our production team will let you know when we receive it and will be in touch should your child be selected for recording and to arrange next steps.

CLOSING DATE FOR TEST RECORDINGS IS MONDAY 5TH JULY

THANK YOU AND GOOD LUCK!

THE VERY SMALL CREATURES TEAM