What To Expect When Your Child is 4 to 5 Years Old

- At this age, your child:
  - Is active and has lots of energy
  - Can change moods quickly; may go from loud and active one moment to shy and quiet the next
  - Enjoys more group activities; can pay attention longer
  - Likes making faces and being silly
  - May form groups of friends and can be bossy
  - May change friendships quickly

- Your child also:
  - May brag and name call during play
  - May try out swear words and bathroom words
  - Can be very imaginative
  - May like to exaggerate
  - Can be clumsy
  - Can be a great talker
  - Asks a lot of questions
  - Loves to use words in rhymes, nonsense and jokes

- At this age, your child needs the chance to:
  - Try new things and learn within limits
  - Use child-safe scissors, crayons and jigsaw puzzles
  - Play outdoors
  - Explore and try new things
  - Group items that are alike
  - Use his or her imagination and be curious
  - See what reading and writing are used for
  - Listen to stories, poems and songs; and make up stories