



## Oracy Curriculum

Our Speaking & Listening curriculum is taught both through our English work, our Topic work and through standalone opportunities, activities and events. We believe good communication skills alongside the ability to engage in meaningful discussion and debate are fundamental skills for life.

### Intent

We believe spoken language to be fundamental to the achievement of our pupils. We understand that communication and language are the roots underpinning success in reading and writing and that good communication skills can enhance every type of learning. This is why we ensure that all our children have many opportunities to fully explore their communication and language skills. Our pupils are encouraged to explore ideas through discussion, to format their own reasoned arguments, to challenge each other's opinions, to develop critical thinking skills as well as talk in full sentences with a clear and confident voice from an early age. Staff use a range of questioning techniques to promote thinking and stimulate discussion.

### Implementation

- Listen and respond appropriately to adults and peers.
- Ask relevant questions to extend understanding and knowledge.
- Use relevant strategies to build vocabulary.
- Articulate and justify answers, arguments and opinions.
- Give well-structured descriptions, explanations and narratives for different purposes
- Articulate and express thoughts, feelings, emotions and reactions.
- Maintain attention and participate actively in collaborative conversations.
- Stay on topic and respond to comments, questions and feedback.
- Use spoken language to develop understanding through speculating, hypothesising & imagining.
- Speak audibly and fluently with an increasing command of Standard English.
- Participate in discussions, presentations, performances, role play/improvisations & debates.
- Gain, maintain and monitor the interest of the listener(s).
- Consider and evaluate different viewpoints, attending to and building on the contributions of others.
- Select and use appropriate registers for effective communication.

### Impact

Our oracy curriculum enables children to speak with confidence, clarity and fluency, while adapting their use of language for a range of different purposes and audiences. It emphasises the value of listening and the ability to interpret and respond appropriately to a wide range of listening experiences. Our curriculum teaches children to value their own opinions and be able to express them to others, sustaining a logical argument, whilst taking account of the views of other, valuing their contributions and responding to them appropriately. It develops in children the necessary skills to present their ideas and share their learning in an engaging and informative way.