

Oracy

"Our children will be confident and respectful communicators who use speaking and listening skills to develop their learning, relationships and well-being and to contribute to the wider community."

What is Oracy?

Oracy is a combination of learning to talk and learning through talk. This means that children will be taught specific speaking and listening skills and that talk will be used as a central part of their learning across the curriculum.

Why does Oracy matter?

Oracy improves children's outcomes in all areas of learning. It also fosters wellbeing and confidence enabling all children to have a voice and to be heard.

What does Oracy look like in the classroom?

The Oracy framework helps define the skills that are needed to communicate effectively. They are broken down into physical, linguistic, cognitive and social and emotional skills.



What can we do at home?

You can help your child by actively engaging in conversation with your child. Ask your child to explain their reasons.

Initiate some discussions and debates - dinner time is a great time to do this as a family. Discuss new words and support them to broaden their vocabulary.

Here are some ideas for home learning:

- Would you rather ...? (live in the countryside or the city)
- Which book character would you invite to your birthday party? Why?
- Take it in turns to say a different word for a common word. For example: looked could also be peered, noticed, spotted.
- Play role - play games that involve speaking such as playing shops, making telephone calls or acting out known stories.
- Talk about books and life experiences.