



How to help your child's speech, language and communication development at home:

What is Speech, Language and Communication?

Speech are the sounds a person uses and how they pronounce them. Your child will learn all about phonemes in phonics, as they will support their pronunciation.

Language is made up of understanding what is being said to them and of talking; the words we use.

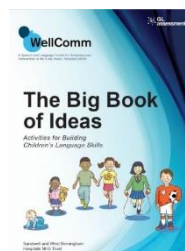
Communication is all about interaction including social cues, understanding body language, tone of voice, eye contact.

Reception

We complete a Reception baseline for speech, language and communication using a toolkit called Wellcomm. This was designed by speech and language therapists. It uses cartoon pictures and simple questions to help pinpoint where your child is on their journey of development. An example question is 'When do you brush your teeth?' It is nothing to worry about - we have found children enjoy this one on one interaction. This process then helps us to identify any early speech, language and communication needs. We can then put the right support in place! Your child's class teacher will discuss your child's speech and language with you and if there are any areas for development.

Wellcomm

The WellComm program offers support for whole class, group work and one to one discussions to develop your child's language skills. This toolkit is used throughout Reception.



NELI

For those children who need a bit of extra support, we use Nuffield Early Language Intervention to support the development of children's speech, language and communication.

If you have any concerns

First, speak to your child's class teacher about any concerns you have around your child's speech, language and communication development. We have two Communication Champions at our school, our SENDCo Mrs Rice and our Reception Class teacher Miss Lambert. We are here to listen, help and advise every step of the way.

Sing along to everyday activities.

Take every opportunity to talk.

Play games that take turns.

Play games with simple instructions

Pretend play with your child.

Get creative! Creativity leads to talk.

Share stories.

Play listening and attention games.

Play memory games.

Memory Games

Get 5 objects and then cover them up. Can you remember them all? Take one away or add one – which one is it?

Listening and Attention games

Hide and seek a ringing phone

Listen to different household sounds, animal noises or any sound you want! Can you identify the sound? You could rustle tin foil and drum on cardboard!