

Communication & Language

To provide a language rich environment. This will ensure that our children are supported to communicate their needs, feelings, thoughts and ideas and to support them in understanding and interacting with others.

Our environment and relationships will help the children: -

- Continue developing the skills they need to communicate their needs, wants and feelings
- Experiment with sounds, noises and words
- Develop their listening and attention skills
- Express their views and opinions
- Increase their vocabulary and their knowledge of how language works
- Hold a conversation - to understand and to be understood
- Understand the contribution of conversation from others

We need to support and promote the development of friendly, open minded and expressive language in order to help children to communicate, interact and build relationships with the people around them. We do this by using simple, everyday language to develop and then enhance and enrich a child's established vocabulary. By providing stories throughout the day, narrating what the children are doing, ask open ended questions. We do 'circle time' for our 'Big Group' children to teach listening and attention skills in preparation for Reception. Staff have been trained to use Welcomm and Talk Boost interventions and know when other agencies need to get involved (SALT). Object of references and symbols are used if needed.