

ORACY

Giving children a voice
for a brighter future

What is oracy?

Oracy is the ability to speak, listen, express ideas, ask questions and have respectful conversations. It helps children to share their thinking, build relationships and make sense of the world around them.

Talk
today
for a
brighter
tomorrow

Why is oracy important?

Good communication skills help children to:

- ✓ build confidence and self-esteem
- ✓ develop strong relationships
- ✓ improve their reading and writing
- ✓ play an active role in school and wider life
- ✓ prepare for future learning and careers

The building blocks of oracy

We develop oracy skills across four key areas:

Voice & Body



Using our voice, expression and body language effectively.

Words & Language



Learning and using a wide range of vocabulary and clear sentences.

Thinking



Organising our ideas, explaining our thinking, asking questions and considering different views.

Listening & Working Together



Listening carefully, respecting others and building on ideas in a positive way.

How do we teach oracy at school?

We have an oracy curriculum inspired by **Voice 21**. Children have regular opportunities to:

- take part in discussions and debates
- work with talk partners and in groups
- learn new vocabulary
- use sentence stems to structure their ideas
- give presentations and perform
- explore and develop their thinking

SHARE

LISTEN

RESPECT

RESPECT

DISCUSS

BUILD

BELONG

How can parents and carers help at home?

- Make time for quality conversations.
- Talk about everyday things (e.g. at home, on the way to school, during a meal).
- Encourage them to ask questions and share their ideas.
- Listen carefully and show interest in what they say.
- Offer different viewpoints and talk about how things might be different for others.
- Play talking games and try the questions below!

Try asking me ...

These questions can help start meaningful and fun conversations at home.



Explain it

- Can you tell me about something you learned today?
- Can you explain how... works?
- Can you teach me something you know really well?



Imagine it

- What do you think might happen if...?
- If you could invent something to make the world a better place, what would it be?
- What would life be like if animals could talk?



Debate it

- Do you agree or disagree with...?
- What do you think is the most important issue in the world?
- Should children have more say in important decisions? Why?



Reflect & Connect

- What made you feel proud today?
- What was the most challenging part of your day?
- What would you do differently if you could?
- How does what you learned today connect to the real world?

WOULD YOU RATHER...?

There are no right or wrong answers - the important thing is to explain **WHY!**

...be able to fly or be able to breathe underwater?

...live in a world with no plastic or no cars?

...have a day without school or a day without screens?

...be extremely famous or extremely knowledgeable?

...explore space or the deepest parts of the ocean?

...be able to time travel to the past or to the future?

...always be right or always be kind?

...have the power to be invisible or the power to read minds?