



Communication and Language in the Early Years

Communication and Language is a 'Prime' area of learning which is broken down into the following aspects:

Listening, Attention and Understanding and Speaking

Here at Godinton Primary School we provide an exciting curriculum and learning environment that places a strong emphasis upon the prime areas of learning. We have designed our curriculum to ensure that every child reaches their full potential from their starting points. The development of children's spoken language underpins all aspects of their learning and development and much emphasis is placed upon providing children with rich experiences to develop these skills.

Our daily routine ensures that there is a good balance between teacher directed and child initiated activities in a language-rich environment. Our curriculum is designed using termly themes where children are encouraged to build upon their own interests and ideas. Children are provided with a wealth of opportunities and experiences to express and share their views and opinions about the world around them. Problem solving opportunities help the children to build their vocabulary alongside their peers, where adults skilfully intervene to model and enhance the vocabulary used. Story telling and role-play opportunities support children to use language related to stories which encourages their ideas to be transported to far-away lands and imaginary worlds.

Each of our termly topics have exciting hooks, which encourages children to imagine and recreate roles and experiences. For example, a dragon loose in the classroom evokes excitement about where it has appeared from or a letter from 'Stickman' asking the children to help him and return him to the family tree or even a call from the Queen and asking her what she likes to eat for breakfast! Immersing children in daily stories and providing activities to develop many conversations, where adults sensitively question and join in, invites them to elaborate further and ensures that children become successful communicators. Children really do thrive here at Godinton Primary School as a result of a stimulating learning environment, with adults who are equally as excited about learning as the children are.

