

Developing oral skills

1. Read to children frequently – even older ones – from a variety of texts. Do not neglect poetry as rhyme is an important skill in developing oral language.



2. Teach vocabulary explicitly. Talk about what a word looks like/ rhymes with/ the number of syllables within the word/ what it means and how it would be used in a sentence.

3. Provide speaking frames to develop confidence in oral language.

- I know that because....
- I agree with (name) because....
- In some ways.....and.....are alike. For instance they both.....
- Another feature they have in common is that.....
- Furthermore they are both.....
- However they also differ in that.... For example.....whereas.....
- The similarities/differences seem more significant than the similarities/differences because.....

4. Make time and plan for children to talk to each other formally and informally. Set up role plays areas even for older children. Link the area to topics being covered in class (French café, World War I trenches, science labs etc).



5. <https://www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/> is a helpful website for project ideas and helpful resources.

6. www.wordsforlife.literacytrust.org.uk/ is a good site for finding rhymes and songs. It also provides milestones of how a child's oral skills develop from birth to 11.

Resources Available for Loan – Oral Communication

If you would like to borrow any of the resources below, please contact Cathy Partington on 01603 860505 or email c_partington@taverhamhigh.org

Providing the resources are available and you can collect the resources, you will be allowed to borrow the resources for a 3 week period.

Oral Communication

Language Builders – Advice and activities to encourage children’s communication skills Elklan

Secondary Language Builders – Advice and activities to encourage the communication skills of 11-16 year olds Elklan

Talking Tins – Practical Speaking & Listening Activities Talking Products Ltd

Pocketbook: Speech, Language & Communication V Mason & E Milne

Practical resources

Talking Tins

Phonic phones