



# Oracy in the Early Years

Hermitage Primary School

# What is Oracy?



**Oracy is being an effective communicator, through speaking and listening.**

For children in Reception, we focus on children expressing themselves clearly and communicating with others through spoken language.

Oracy is about having the vocabulary to say what you want to say.

Oracy involves discussion, instruction and dialogue, giving children time to share ideas, explain what they know and have a conversation, listening and responding to what they hear.

# Oracy in the Classroom

There is lots of time for discussion and listening in the classroom. Children work with a talk partner to share their ideas and respond to each others ideas.

We set the Golden Rules for speaking and listening, for example, children have to put their hands up to share and listen to each others ideas.

We use 'hot seating' where one child pretends they are a character and the other children have to ask them questions, being in character.



# Oracy in the Classroom

There is lots of group work in the classroom each day, where communication and listening to each other are very important.

Within the class, we have small debates where the children have to share their views and ideas on a question, using 'because' to extend their sentences.

Daily circle times are a chance for children to turn take, express their opinions and respect their friends' views.



# Oracy at home

Try these at home to support your child with their communication skills:

- 1 Read aloud to your child**, supporting them with storytelling, their vocabulary and encouraging your child to express their thoughts.
- 2 Play word games**, such as Guess Who? or I Spy. These support with descriptive language.
- 3 Talk about your child's day** with them.



# Story Telling

Read or watch these stories that we love in class and ask your child to re-tell them in their own words!

This will help with using new vocabulary, listening skills and communicating their ideas clearly and carefully – in the right order.

**What the Ladybird Heard –**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fu9mPX7DuLA>

**The Gruffalo –**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s8-UPpPcRWs>

**Where the Wild Things Are –**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A1mNPxNehYF>

