



Faith Confidence Wellbeing Curiosity

Encouraging your child's language skills.

TALK WITH YOUR CHILD!

- Ask them about their day, interests, friends etc.
 - What was the best thing that happened today?
 - What book did your teacher read today?
 - What made you happy in your learning today?
 - Did you help anyone in school today?
 - Who showed you kindness today?
 - Who did you show kindness to?
- Ask them their opinions eg. What's their favourite TV programme and why? Talk about things that have happened.
- Get them to tell you about a story or TV programme they have seen.
- Connect with your child using eye contact, get down to their level and model active listening. This shows good manners and models language skills to your child
- Use your child's name to encourage eye contact before you begin talking or giving an instruction.

SHARE BOOKS WITH YOUR CHILD.

- Read to them.
- Make up stories to go with the pictures.
- Retell stories together.
- Discuss your favourite characters or the funny bits of the story.
- Let them read to you.

PLAY GAMES

Imaginative Play:

Let your child lead the way in developing make believe stories.

- Tea parties
- Shops
- Playing with dolls or action figures.

Play with pretend telephones.

Play 10 or 20 questions. One person thinks of an object and everyone has to guess what it is by asking up to 10 or 20 questions. The answer can only be yes or no.

Sports Commentary

The children describe things as if they were sports commentators. This could be when you get on with cooking dinner and they give you a running commentary!