From first words to powerful voices

The Language Journey

From Communication to Confident Expression

Building articulate, thoughtful and confident communicators for life.

Listen
Speak
Discuss
Reason
Express

EYFS
Building the Foundations

Developing language, communication and understanding

Learning to listen, speak and make sense of the world

- Communication and language at the heart of learning
- Back-and-forth interactions with adults and peers
- Listening and attention skills
- Vocabulary developed through play and experience
- Storytelling, songs, rhyme and poetry
- Naming, describing and explaining
- Speaking in sentences and expressing ideas
- Asking questions and showing curiosity
- Building confidence to communicate

Key Stage 1
Securing Core Knowledge

Developing confident speakers and listeners

Using language to learn, explain and connect

- Vocabulary explicitly taught and revisited
- Speaking clearly and audibly
- Listening attentively and responding appropriately
- Explaining ideas and giving reasons
- Building and extending sentences
- Discussing learning with partners and groups
- Asking and answering questions thoughtfully
- Retelling experiences and recounting events
- Developing confidence in formal and informal situations

Key Stage 2
Extending and Applying

Becoming articulate, thoughtful and influential communicators

Using language to reason, debate and express perspective

- Using a broad and ambitious vocabulary
- Speaking confidently for different audiences and purposes
- Listening critically and building on others' ideas
- Presenting viewpoints clearly and persuasively
- Justifying opinions with evidence and reasoning
- Participating in discussion, debate and dialogue
- Challenging, questioning and refining thinking
- Adapting language for different contexts and audiences
- Leading conversations and collaborating effectively

Planting the seeds of communication — *Growing language and confidence* — *From communication to confident expression*

A coherent, cumulative language curriculum developing communication, vocabulary, confidence and reasoning at every stage.

> *Language unlocks learning. When children can communicate clearly, listen carefully and express themselves confidently, they are empowered to participate, achieve and flourish.*

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