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PRIMARY SCHOOL

Let's learn together...

Oracy

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“Explicitly teaching all children a rich vocabulary and the skills they need to become effective speakers and listeners, whilst weaving oracy skills through each lesson, will help close the gap so all children have the best possible opportunities for success.”

What is Oracy?

Oracy is the ability to express ideas clearly and confidently through spoken language. It's not just about speaking, but also about listening, thinking critically, and engaging in conversations. For primary school children, developing oracy means they are able to **talk about their ideas, listen to others, and work together in a group.**

<https://aldercommunityhighschool.org.uk/news/2024-09-23-we-re-a-voice-21-oracy-school>

(Oracy, coined in the 1960s by Andrew Wilkinson)

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Why is Oracy Important for Our Children?

1. Supports Learning and Academic Success.
2. Builds Confidence
3. Improves Social Skills
4. Support regulate emotions
5. Prepares for the Future



How Do We Help Children Develop Oracy?

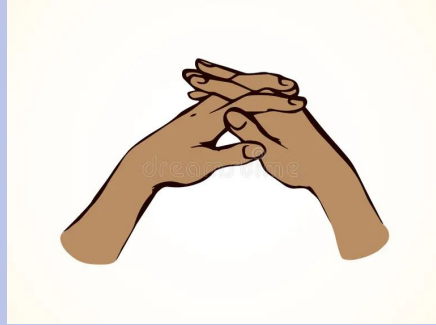
Alongside the many opportunity created in and out of class for Oracy to take place. For example; -

- 1) EYFS - RolePlay (Shopkeeper).
- 2) Reception - Talk about a favourite book to an adult.
- 3) Year 1 - To speak in front of a larger audience e.g. during an assembly.
- 4) Year 2 - Talk about stories and how they link e.g. same author, themes.
- 5) Year 3 - Talk about their previous learning and consider links with their learning.
- 6) Year 4 - Use talk for a purpose eg persuade their peers to agree with them.
- 7) Year 5 - Meet professionals e.g. a lawyer, an MP or councillor to ask questions about their job.
- 8) Year 6 - Have structured discussions including explaining techniques, analysing and evaluating work.

We here at Aldersbrook Primary School have a uniform approach to start Oracy where the children feel confident and creating an environment where they can then flourish in Oracy thereafter.

Aldersbrook approach to promote good Oracy

Hand/Talk gestures



Talk partners



Sentence Stems -
Using PEEL where possible.

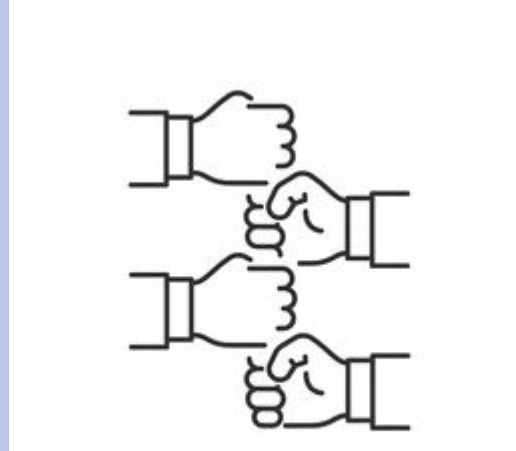


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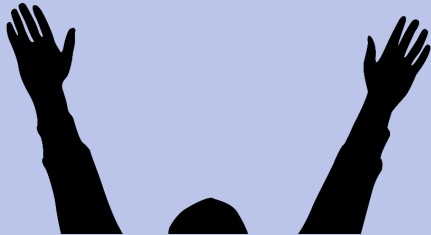
Using hand gestures to show the adult in what area of talk they would want to talk about.



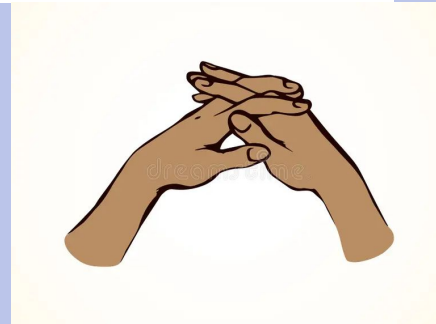
Starter: using PEEL.



I would like to build on _____



I disagree with _____



_____ has made a link with

Sentence Stems - Using PEEL (Point, explain, evidence (for example, How?), link)

1) In _____ we have been learning about...

ie. (KMRM) What have you learnt in English?

In English we have been learning about Personification, personification is where you give objects human qualities, for example the deciduous tree is waving in the cold, icy wind.

2) I agree with _____ because

3) I disagree _____ because

4) I would like to build on _____

5) Another example could be...

6) I could see _____ made a link with (link to learning poster)...

Talk Partners

Usual -



Turn to your partner and talk...

Talk partners - By encouraging (using the learning poster; I like that _____ used small steps to answer (using PEEL), the answer really helped me because it was meaningful and it linked with our learning).

Feedback

Very high impact for very low cost based on extensive evidence

Implementation cost ?



Evidence strength ?



Impact (months) ?

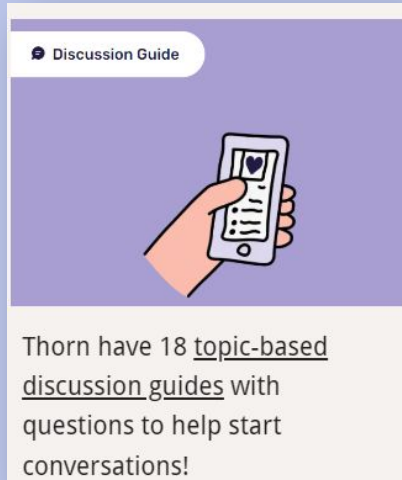
+6 months

How Can Parents Support Oracy at Home?

1. Encourage Conversation - Using **PEEL**
2. Read Together
3. Play Word Games
4. Model Good Communication
5. Encourage Public Speaking



Additional resources



<https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/>



Conclusion

Oracy is a vital skill for your child's academic and personal growth. It helps them develop confidence, communicate effectively, and build positive relationships with others. By supporting oracy both at school and at home, we can help children become thoughtful, confident communicators who are ready for the future!

Any Questions?

Thank You!