

Talk Boost

Intent

At River View Primary School, we use Talk Boost to develop children's speech, language and communication skills, recognising that strong communication skills are fundamental to successful learning, social interaction and emotional wellbeing. Through targeted intervention, we aim to identify and address gaps in children's language development, enabling them to communicate effectively, participate confidently and access the wider curriculum.

Talk Boost provides structured opportunities for children to develop vocabulary, listening skills, attention, understanding, expressive language and social communication. Through engaging and practical activities, we seek to increase children's confidence in communicating with others, develop their understanding of language and support them to become successful learners and active participants within the classroom environment.

Implementation

Talk Boost is delivered through structured small-group sessions led by trained staff. Sessions are planned to develop specific areas of speech, language and communication and are adapted according to children's identified needs. Activities are engaging, interactive and designed to encourage communication through discussion, play and collaborative learning opportunities.

Principle	Purpose	Examples in Practice	Expected Outcome
Vocabulary Development	Increase understanding and use of language	Explicit teaching of new words and concepts	Increased vocabulary knowledge
Listening and Attention	Develop concentration and listening skills	Listening games and barrier activities	Improved attention and understanding
Expressive Language	Develop confidence in speaking	Structured discussions and language activities	Improved verbal communication
Social Communication	Develop interaction skills	Turn-taking, conversation and group activities	Improved social interaction

Understanding Language	Improve comprehension	Following instructions and discussion activities	Improved language understanding
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Examples of Talk Boost Activities

Area of Development	Example Activities	Resources
Vocabulary	Word of the week, concept teaching	Vocabulary cards, visual supports
Listening Skills	Barrier games, listening tasks	Listening resources
Speaking	Discussion activities, storytelling	Picture prompts, story cards
Social Communication	Turn-taking games, role play	Small group resources
Understanding	Following instructions activities	Visual cues, sequencing cards

Impact

Children will demonstrate improved speech, language and communication skills, including increased vocabulary, stronger listening skills and greater confidence when expressing themselves. Through regular participation in Talk Boost, children will become more effective communicators and develop the language skills required to access learning successfully.

Improved communication skills will support children's participation within the classroom, enhance social interactions and contribute to improved attainment across the curriculum. Staff will observe increased confidence, improved understanding and greater independence when communicating with others.