



Developing Children's Vocabulary

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Dear Parents, Carers

The development of vocabulary and language skills from an early age is essential for a child's overall development. The ability to communicate effectively supports social skills, such as making friends and managing feelings and behaviour as well as promoting independence and building confidence. A wide vocabulary and good use and understanding of language, will also support your child as they progress through the school, from early reading to writing their own stories.

For this reason, the development of children's vocabulary is one of the main areas of focus in Acorns Preschool Class and Oak Reception Class.

In Acorns Class, we will be supporting the children to learn new words by identifying key vocabulary that links to our topics and daily activities and routines. This vocabulary will be used by staff during our activities with the children. We will help the children to understand the meaning of words, introduce them to a range of words that have the same or similar meaning and help them to learn the context in which these words can be used.

Our topics will be supported by a range of stories, songs and rhymes that will enhance the children's learning and help them to develop their language skills.

For most new topics we will send you a list of our key vocabulary together with details of some of the stories we will be reading and any familiar songs or rhymes we will be using so that, if you wish, you can join in at home. Most of the books are well known and should be available for you to borrow from local libraries if you do not have your own copy.

Sharing stories with your child now is an excellent way to increase their vocabulary, develop their listening skills and introduce them to a regular reading pattern, which will be essential when they move into Reception Class next year.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes

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