

Churchfields the Village School

Speaking and Listening

Intent

We believe that children's speaking and listening abilities contributes to secure reading and writing skills and support children to be confident communicators. We intend pupils to be able to express their opinions, articulate their feelings, and listen to and respond appropriately. All children should participate with groups of children to present ideas with confidence, valuing the ideas of others, and speak audibly and confidently in front of an audience.

Implementation

From the start of school, teaching staff teach and model the importance of turn taking and listening to the views of others, demonstrating respectful communication and talk to all children and adults. Adults use a high standard of vocabulary when speaking to children from EYFS and ensure this supports and expands children's vocabulary and understanding. Approaches in teaching and learning encourage children to voice their ideas in small group and class discussions, and we recognise that sharing and explaining concepts with peers enhances learning. Subject specific vocabulary is embedded across the curriculum, through teacher modelling and in context. Children are supported to use these words in their spoken language and work in a vocabulary rich environment. Staff model correct grammar in speech and repeat any misspoken words or sentences in children's speech to model the correct use. Word gathering in writing sessions and reading sessions are used to extend children's vocabulary further.

Drama and role play is used across the curriculum for children to explore their learning and engage with their speaking and listening skills. There are frequent opportunities for children to speak and perform in front of an audience, such as weekly Gem Learner celebrations, Christmas nativities, church services and the Year 6 leavers' service.

Children who need additional support in their speech are quickly identified upon entry and external S< is prioritised.

Impact

Children will leave Churchfields as confident communicators who can express themselves clearly, speak respectfully and listen and value the ideas of others. At the heart of this, children will use these skills to speak and respond with kindness and empathy, and to build and maintain successful relationships where misunderstandings can be addressed constructively. All children will have the skills to speak in front of an audience and in a range of different situations, enabling them to build on these skills for their future education and career. All will enjoy the excitement of theatrical performance, whether as a participant or an audience member.