

Parental Information

Developing your Child's Oracy

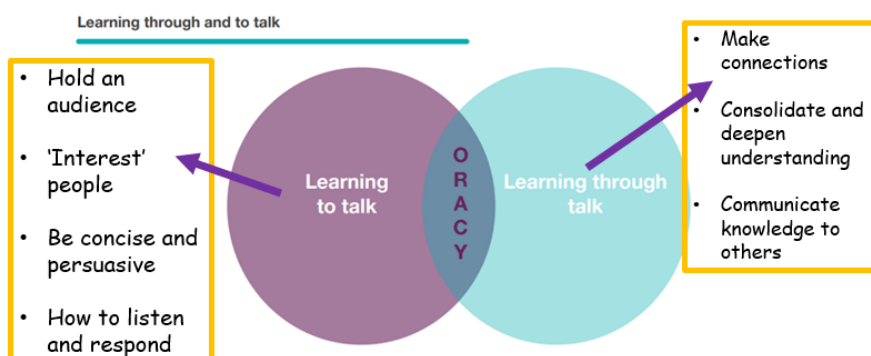
What is Oracy?

Oracy is the ability to express yourself **fluently** and **grammatically** in **speech**.

Why are we focussing on oracy?

- We know that having students engaged in their learning will maximise their **academic progress**
- Improves **confidence and overall wellbeing**
- Prepares your child for **life after school** by developing the necessary **communication, listening and interpersonal skills** needed
- Develops your child as an all-rounded **citizen**, giving them the chance to express their **ideas** and **opinions** and contribute meaningfully to the wider community

Oracy: How we articulate ideas, develop understanding and engage with others through spoken language



Ask your child **open ended questions** about **oracy** in their lessons.

Example questions:

- What oracy activities did you do in school today?
- What was the best discussion you had and why?

How we are developing your child's oracy in lessons?

1) Continuing with the focus on **Turn & Talk**

Turn & Talk Expectations

1) **Turn** to face your partner



2) **Listen** to what your partner is saying



3) **Switch**; everyone must talk



4) **Feedback** when asked to the whole class



2) Providing more **discussion activities** in lessons which encourage students to talk **and share their ideas** with others

3) Providing more opportunities for students to **present in lessons**

How can you support your child's oracy at home?

- Encourage your child to make **eye contact** when talking to you
- Encourage your child to practice **listening**, by not **interrupting others** when talking
- Encourage your child to talk in **full sentences** and **model this** to them
- Introduce your child to **new vocabulary**
- Get your child to **take the lead** when asking to return an item in a shop or arriving for a doctor's appointment
- **Ask open ended conversation starters**: What was the best part of your day?
- **Watch programmes together** to spark discussion about current events such as Newsround or the BBC News