



Language Programme 2016

At Highfield Nursery School we offer a Language Programme to support children's communication and language development.

What is the language programme all about?

The programme of support is led by a teacher experienced in child development who will plan learning experiences for the children to improve and extend children's:

- Listening and attention skills
- Understanding
- Expressive language (talking)
- Social communication

The activities will take place within the day-to-day Nursery provision and will be able to be accessed by all children however; particular children will be encouraged to take part.

Why is this so important?

Research shows that the early years is a critical period for children's development; particularly for children's speech, language and communication which underpin so many other areas of children's development. Children use language as their main form of communication and it is so important when it comes to forming friendships and exploring their environment.

What can we do at home to help?

There is lots you can do at home to help support your child's communication and language development, in fact you are probably already doing most of it! But here are some handy tips:

- Call your child's name before giving them an instruction or asking a question.
- Praise them for their talking no matter how unclear, then instead of correcting their language repeat what they have said back to them e.g. if your child says 'a wed tar!' repeat back 'ah yes I can see a red car too!'
- Involve your child in the daily

routines, explaining to them what you are doing and giving them their own jobs e.g. finding items and putting them away in the cupboard.

- Help to extend their vocabulary by adding a word on to their sentence e.g. 'look Mummy a bus' 'Yes Tommy, I can see a big, red bus!'

If English isn't your home language..

Please don't worry! It is so important that you continue to speak in your home language with your child; otherwise they can get a little confused. At Nursery they will begin to pick up and start to use English as they begin to make friends with lots of different children.

If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to come and have a chat with me.



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