Thurnham Whole School Speaking and Listening Progression 2022-23

Progression in Speaking and Listening through our Empowering Curriculum "At Thurnham our Empowering Curriculum will give pupils the key skills that they need to flourish; Brain Power, Resilience and Independence"

We need to ensure that adults are using Child Initiated time to talk to the children, having conversations, and ensuring we are using high quality questioning. Staff should be referring to the observation guidance for this. We also need to ensure the children are speaking to each other, holding conversations, negotiating play etc. We will be having a greater focus on vocabulary and language. We are going to be introducing 'Word of the Day'. Each day we will explore a new word with the children, allowing them to explore what it means, and challenging them to use it correctly. We are also going to have a focus on reading books that do not have words, encouraging the children to story tell, make predictions, ask and answer questions and develop story telling skills. This will also promote coming together as a group, connecting through these experiences. We can also use these story times as an opportunity to help children express their emotions. All children will be screened using Language Link, and provision will be provided for those who need it. We will plan in lots of games and activities to support listening skills as a group.	Year 1 Term 1 will have an emotional recovery focus of Talk for Writing through texts, discussing emotions, asking questions and suggesting relevant answers. Outdoor leaning encouraged this further.	Year 2 In Term 1, weeks 1 to 3 will be spent on Emotional Recovery with lots of Speaking and Listening. We will use the wordless book, Clown, by Quentin Blake. The children will explain about our school and classroom and help Clown to feel at home. They will spend a lot of time talking about their emotions, school rules, transition etc. Writing will be kept to a minimum, with some writing for a class display and some for whole class books. After this block, we will move on to working on Rhymes through The Snail and the Whale, by Julia Donaldson. We continue to focus on speaking and listening above writing
Early learning goal – Listening, Attention and	Pupils should be taught to:	
Understanding		
Listen attentively and respond to what they hear with	•listen and respond appropriately to adults and their	•listen and respond appropriately to adults and their
relevant questions, comments and actions when	peers	peers
being read to and during whole class discussions and		
small group interactions		
Make comments about what they have heard and ask	•ask relevant questions to extend their	•ask relevant questions to extend their
questions to clarify their understanding	understanding and knowledge	understanding and knowledge
Hold conversation when engaged in back-and-forth	•use relevant strategies to build their vocabulary	•use relevant strategies to build their vocabulary
exchanges with their teacher and peers		

Early learning goal – Speaking	•express answers and opinions verbally	•express answers and opinions, beginning to be able
		to justify their response in a simple way; begin to
		understand different points of view
Participate in small group, class and one-to-one	•provide descriptions; express feelings; explain	•provide appropriate descriptions; communicate
discussions, offering their own ideas, using	simple things; tell a simple narrative	feelings appropriately; provide a simple explanation;
recently introduced vocabulary		give a narrative for different purposes
Offer explanations for why things might happen,	•maintain attention for short periods of time; join in	•maintain attention for appropriate periods of time;
making use of recently introduced vocabulary from	conversations; ask and answer questions	participate actively in conversations; answer
stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems when		questions and initiate some of their own
appropriate		
Express their ideas and feelings about their	•use spoken language to explore ideas, to imagine, to	•use spoken language to develop understanding
experiences using full sentences, including use of	guess or to predict	through exploring ideas, imagining, making guesses
past, present and future tenses and making use		and predictions
of conjunctions, with modelling and support from		
their teacher		
	•grow in confidence to speak audibly and fluently;	•grow in confidence to speak audibly and fluently;
	begin to use Standard English	begin to use Standard English
	•join in discussions, presentations and performances;	•join in discussions, presentations and performances;
	engage in role play	engage in meaningful role play, being able to
		improvise
	•gain the interest of the listener	•gain the interest of the listener, sometimes able to
		monitor the listener's response

•begin to know that different people have different	•know that different people have different ideas; be
ideas; be able to listen to these and make a	able to listen to these and make a contribution
contribution	
•begin to be aware that people use different kinds of	•be increasingly aware that people use different
speech in different circumstances	kinds of speech in different circumstances.