



## Parents' Guide to Oracy

### What is Oracy?

- Oracy is the ability to express yourself clearly and communicate with others effectively through spoken language.
- Thinking carefully about your language choices, tailoring it to a specific purpose and audience.
- At Phoenix Infant Academy, we have adopted an Oracy framework which splits the teaching of speaking and listening into four strands:
  - Physical
  - Cognitive
  - Linguistic
  - Social and Emotional
- Oracy promotes different speaking styles, learning to talk and through talk and how to be an effective and attentive listener.



### Why is Oracy important?

- Communication is a vital skill that children require now and in their future lives.
- Good Oracy leads to improved outcomes across the Curriculum.
- It helps children form secure relationships with adults and other children

### Oracy at Phoenix Infant Academy:

- Our lessons are rich in talk, questions are planned, peer conversations are modelled and scaffolded and the teacher uses talk skilfully to develop thinking. Children are given opportunities to develop Oracy skills and build their confidence in talking in formal and informal situations, both in and outside the classroom.
- Children have explicit Oracy lessons where they are taught skills across the strands, using sentence stems to support where necessary. Rich vocabulary is explored and children have the opportunity to discuss, debate and recite themes based on a range of topics.
- Speaking and listening are core fundamentals of our curriculum.

### How to promote Oracy at home:

- Read aloud to your child and discuss the story.
- Record a video diary.
- Play word games.
- Talk about your child's day.
- Phone a friend or relative.



- Go for a walk and discuss the environment.
- Go for a walk and listen for sounds, then discuss them.
- Sign your child up to an extra-curricular club.
- <https://noisyclassroom.com/category/keep-kids-talking/>
- <https://wordsforlife.org.uk/>