

English - Spoken Language

At Willow Grove we truly believe that speaking and listening give our pupils the basic skills they need to communicate with the world around them. Pupils are given a range of opportunities to develop these skills, in a safe, nurturing and stimulating environment.

The wide range of speaking and listening activities – which are weaved throughout our curriculum – help to develop ideas, vocabulary and confidence, as the more we talk, the more we pick up on different words that other people use. By the time they leave us, we aim for our pupils to have the fluency and confidence to use language to convey information, ideas comments and personal views in a socially acceptable manner appropriate to the purpose and audience.

Intent

- To speak confidently in different contexts.
- To structure spoken language accurately.
- To address mispronunciation amongst staff and pupils.
- To understand a range of formalities, audience and purpose.
- To use a wide range of vocabulary.
- To have a clear understanding of social conventions, the role of the speaker and the listener.
- To challenge peers and express opinions appropriately.
- To develop as skilled listeners, respecting the views of others.
 - To develop listening stamina.
 - To speak and listen in a range of contexts.
 - To develop as fluent speakers.

Areas for skills development

- Listening Skills
 - Following Instructions
 - Asking and Answering Questions
 - Drama, Performance and Confidence.
- Vocabulary Building and Standard English
- Speaking for a Range of Purposes
- Participating in Discussion.