Did you know...

...at Stephen's we are continuing our journey to improve Oracy?



What is Oracy?

Articulating ideas, developing understanding and engaging with others through speaking, listening and communication.

Voice 21 explains that oracy is a powerful tool for learning because it helps children:

- Express their thoughts and ideas clearly.
- Listen actively to others.
- Build understanding through discussion.
- Develop confidence, relationships and social skills.
- Improve learning across the curriculum



Why is it a priority?

Oracy is a priority because spoken language is the foundation of learning. Children who can communicate effectively are better able to express their needs, share their ideas, build relationships and access the curriculum.

How can I help at home?

Talk together throughout the day



- Chat during meals, journeys and routines.
- Encourage children to explain what they are doing, thinking or feeling.
- Ask open-ended questions such as:
- "What do you think will happen next?"
- "Why do you think that?"
- "How did you solve that problem?"

Read and discuss stories

- Read books together regularly.
- Talk about characters, events and predictions.
- Encourage children to retell stories in their own words.

Sing, rhyme and tell stories

- Nursery rhymes, songs and storytelling help children hear and practise language patterns.
- Encourage children to join in, perform and create their own stories.

Learn through play

- Engage in imaginative play, small-world play and role play.
- Introduce new vocabulary during play.
- Encourage children to negotiate, explain and share ideas with others



Every conversation counts. Talking, listening, reading and playing together help children develop the confidence and communication skills they need for learning, friendships and future success.