

How To Help

Communication, Language and Social Skills



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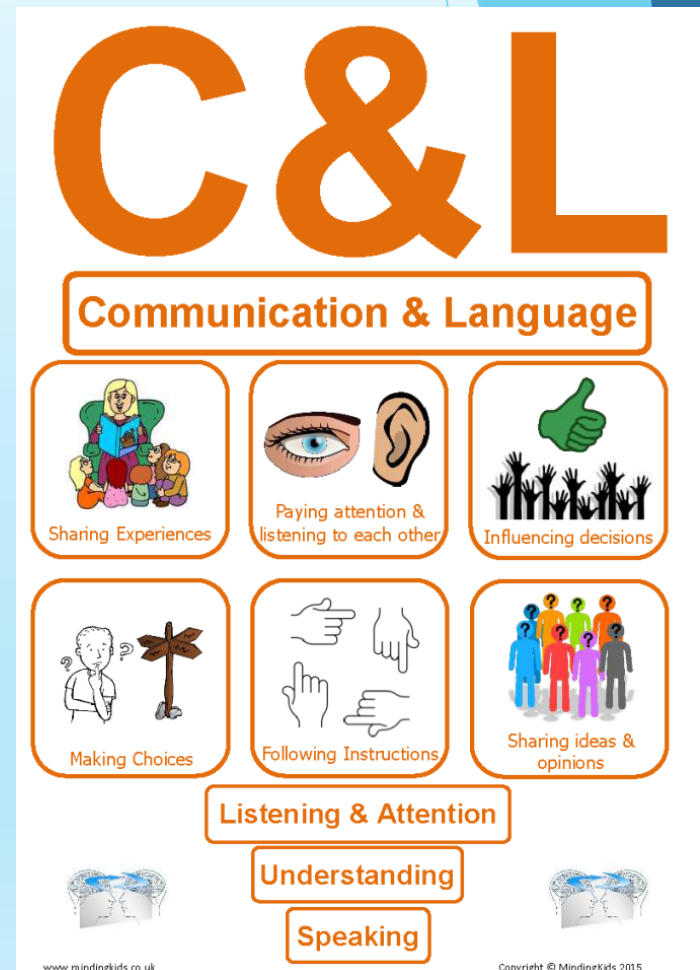
This is a very important area and one which the government focuses on. Lots of attention is being paid to developing your child's ability to communicate successfully and confidently.

Successful communication is an important foundation for your child to grow from.

What are the expectations for my child's communication skills by the end of Reception?

Communication covers

- ▶ Listening
- ▶ Understanding
- ▶ Speaking



Using different tenses

- ▶ Many children speak predominantly in the present tense eg ‘I go to play’, ‘you come lunch?’.
- ▶ Good modelling and repetition can help your child to develop their language and to give them the experiences to hear and use different tenses.

How can we encourage the use of different tenses?

- ▶ Encourage your child at the end of the school day to recount what they did. Remind them to use the past tense eg. played, went, ate, listened.
- ▶ For the future tense try to ask your child questions such as ‘what are you going to be doing at school today/at the weekend/in the holidays?’

Ways to help at home

- ▶ Talk to your child - LOTS.
- ▶ READ with them!!
- ▶ Play games with your child.

The **MORE** that you
READ, the more things
you will **KNOW**.
The **MORE** that you
Learn, the more places
you'll **GO**.

Activities to do at home that will support your child's language development

- ▶ **Cooking**- Encourage your child to talk about what they are doing, what you need to do next, what they think will happen. It is also a great way to sequence ideas, weigh and measure using maths and to have something tasty to eat at the end!
- ▶ **Gardening** - Encourage your child to help you in the garden. Talk about what they can see around them. What can they hear/smell/touch?
- ▶ Play **catch with a ball**. This can be an opportunity to develop directional language e.g. backwards, up, high, closer. Once again this also helps develop physical coordination. Perhaps start with a large ball then move on to throwing smaller sizes of balls.
- ▶ **Drawing together** - Talk about what you are drawing, what shapes you are using, the colours you are choosing - light or dark.
- ▶ Give the children role play scenarios. "Thank you for the cup of tea - but I can't drink it yet, it's still too hot!"

Writing should follow!

- ▶ With the right language children will have a wonderful bank of ideas and language to draw from.
- ▶ Writing will become easier if they are able to concentrate on the formation and sentence structure without worrying about finding words or ideas.

Parental involvement

- ▶ We want parents to be involved.
- ▶ Parents see aspects of their children that teachers may not see.
- ▶ Children may do things at home which they don't in school.
- ▶ We want a full picture of each child when assessing them.

Parent Observations



- ▶ The way parents can share observations is via the Evidence Me app.
- ▶ Please download the **Evidence Me app** through your device.
- ▶ The app will enable you to share photos and videos of your child's learning at home with your teacher.
- ▶ You will be able to receive regular photos and videos regarding your child's progress in school through this app too.

To set up evidence me you will need to active your account by the email you will receive. See below image.

Please check your junk mail.

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Setting up the app.

- ▶ Once the app has been downloaded you will be able to log in using the email and password you've created through the activation email.



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Observation Details



This observation is saved locally on your device. It will be uploaded to the school's observation library when you add a Learner to it.



Date 26 Sep 2019

Time 11:58 am

Observed by Ramya

Parent Submission Pending

Last updated by Ramya on 26 Sep 2019 at 11:58 am



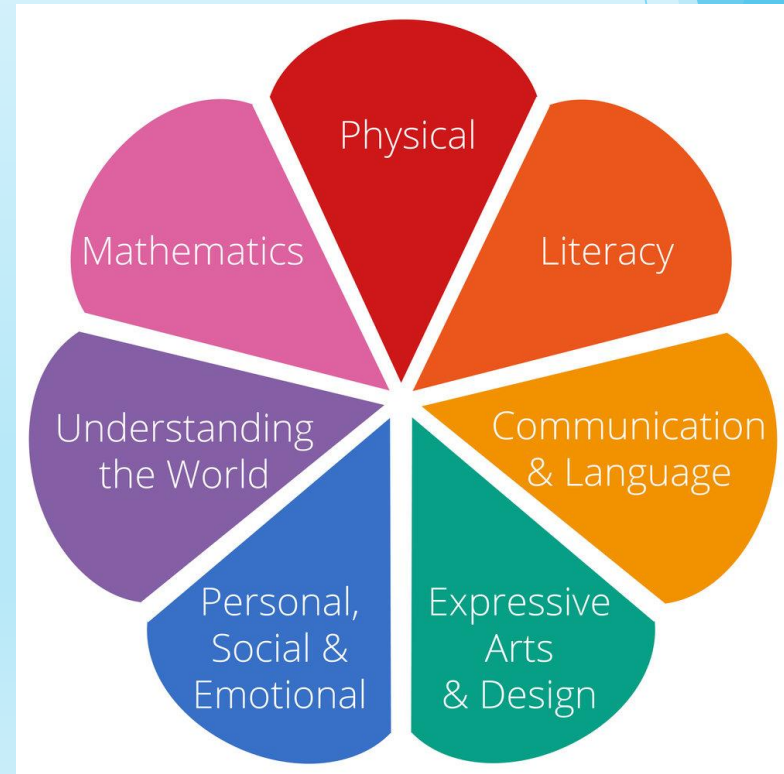
Learners Add

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Parent Notes See all Notes

- ▶ Please upload your child's home learning on Evidence Me by **Sunday evening**.
- ▶ Home learning will be uploaded onto Google classroom on **Mondays**
- ▶ Make sure the photo is clear so that the teacher is aware of what skills they are showing.

Remember that there are **7 areas of learning**. Please take this into consideration when you are taking your observation.



Google Classroom

- ▶ You will have received your child's login for Google Classroom where we will upload your child's home learning weekly.
- ▶ Home learning is set on a **Monday** and is due the **following Sunday**.

The screenshot displays the Google Classroom interface. At the top, there are three tabs: 'Stream', 'Classwork' (which is selected and highlighted with a red underline), and 'People'. Below the tabs, there are three utility links: 'View your work' with a person icon, 'Google Calendar' with a calendar icon, and 'Class Drive folder' with a folder icon. On the left side, there is a sidebar with 'All topics' and 'Home Learning'. The main content area shows a 'Home Learning' assignment. The title 'Home Learning' is in a large, bold, red font. Below the title, there is a red horizontal line. Underneath the line, there is a red circular icon with a white document symbol, followed by the text 'Monday 5th October'. To the right of this, there is the text 'Due 11 Oct' and a vertical ellipsis menu icon.

Questions or help?

- ▶ Any questions?
- ▶ Please ask your child's class teacher at the end of the school day or write it in your child's communication book.

Thank you for your ongoing support.