St Paul's C of E Primary School



ORACY POLICY

Purpose of the policy

This policy reflects the aims and values of St. Paul's CE Primary School. It ensures all stakeholders, including staff, governors, parents and pupils, are working towards the same goals. The purpose of this policy is to:

- Set out a framework for all teaching and non-teaching staff, giving guidance on planning, teaching and assessment
- Demonstrate adherence to the National Curriculum objectives and guidelines
- Provide clear information to parents and carers about what their children will be taught
- Allow the governing board to monitor the curriculum

Provide Ofsted inspectors with evidence of curriculum planning and implementation

Subject vision

In Oracy, we aim for all of our children to see themselves as Orators. We endeavour to inspire a sense of curiosity in our children and develop their enthusiasm for Oracy- speaking and listening confidently, recognising that the skills and knowledge they learn through Oracy can be used to have a positive impact on their learning and the world around them.

Intent: Aims and outcomes

To be able to be an Orator, children will need to build up the skills, knowledge and understanding of Oracy. They will need to understand and use the language of Oracy and apply these speaking and listening skills and knowledge across the curriculum, making connections both within Oracy and across other curriculum areas too.

To be an Orator, children need to hear and use a variety of language in order to develop their vocabulary, grammar and understanding. This will support their development in reading and writing. Children will have opportunities to develop their confidence and competence in spoken language and listening skills. Children will be able to explain their understanding of books and other reading, and will have the opportunities to prepare their ideas before they write. They will be able to make their thinking clear to themselves and others, and they will be able to discuss ideas while answering enquiry questions and take part in debates. Children will participate in and gain knowledge, skills and understanding associated with drama. Children will be able to adopt, create and sustain a range of roles, responding appropriately to others in role. They will have opportunities to give and hear instructions and present their ideas confidently to one another and a range of audiences.

Statutory requirements which underpin all aspects of spoken language across the six years of primary education form part of the National Curriculum which are reflected and contextualised across each subject in the National Curriculum.

The aims of the National Curriculum (2014) for Oracy (spoken language) are to:

- listen and respond appropriately to adults and their peers
- ask relevant questions to extend their understanding and knowledge
- use relevant strategies to build their vocabulary
- articulate and justify answers, arguments and opinions
- give well-structured descriptions, explanations and narratives for different purposes, including for expressing feelings
- maintain attention and participate actively in collaborative conversations, staying on topic and initiating and responding to comments
- use spoken language to develop understanding through speculating, hypothesising, imagining and exploring ideas
- speak audibly and fluently with an increasing command of Standard English
- participate in discussions, presentations, performances, role play, improvisations and debates
- gain, maintain and monitor the interest of the listener(s)
- consider and evaluate different viewpoints, attending to and building on the contributions of others
- select and use appropriate registers for effective communication.

Implementation: Teaching and learning

St Paul's Oracy curriculum aligns with the National Curriculum's composite outcomes by ensuring that each component contributes to the holistic development of students' oracy skills. By addressing the progression of skills across all key stages, it guarantees a clear year-on-year development that is not only focused on the ultimate outcomes but also on the journey towards achieving them. This structured approach to oracy education ensures that students are not only able to meet but exceed the National Curriculum's expectations, preparing them for a successful future in both their personal and academic lives. As Oracy is a non-statutory subject, there are no discrete objectives for Oracy within the National Curriculum. Oracy is one of the vehicles used throughout the St Paul's wider curriculum to develop the whole child and therefore Oracy knowledge, skills and understanding is taught across the curriculum. In most lessons, there will be an opportunity for children to develop their Oracy skills, as starters, plenaries and tackling misconceptions. Where appropriate, teachers will plan for the main activity or task in a lesson to be Oracy based. Through these activities, children have opportunities to develop many Oracy skills such as explaining; discussing; describing; questioning; taking and giving instructions; persuading; reasoning, negotiation, and disagreeing, as well as learning and using new vocabulary. Teachers plan lessons according to the needs of their class and teach specific Oracy skills. For example, children are taught how to debate politely before a debating activity can be planned into a lesson. All classes create their own 'Rules for Talk' at the beginning of the year. These are Oracy rules decided on by the children themselves, which they agree to follow throughout the year. The rules set an expectation of high quality Oracy in the classroom and demonstrate the teacher's high standards

The St Paul's Curriculum has been structured and sequenced in order to engage pupils in purposeful learning by building on prior knowledge and helping connect knowledge, understanding and skills year-on-year both within Oracy and across other subjects too.

For Oracy, activities and opportunities are weaved throughout all lessons across the curriculum from EYFS to year 6. Vocabulary is displayed in all classrooms for a range of subjects. Children are taught new vocabulary regularly and are given opportunities to use their new vocabulary in written work and conversations. Children revisit and build upon vocabulary learned in previous years as learning and topics build upon each other throughout the school.

We recognise that foundations for becoming an Orator are laid in the Early Years Foundation Stage through all seven strands of the Early Years Framework, especially Communication and Language, and to be ready for the next stage in their education, the starting point that we strive for every child to have upon entry to Y1 and working towards the aims of the National Curriculum is:

To have back and forth interactions
To hold quality conversations with adults and peers
To be exposed to and build new vocabulary
To have opportunities to use and embed new words in a range of contexts
To engage in stories, non-fiction, rhymes and poems
To share ideas through conversation, story-telling and role play
To answer questions and elaborate on thoughts and ideas

Once children enter Y1, they work progressively towards the aims of the National Curriculum. To ensure progression, the progression of skills and vocabulary required at each stage of learning to prepare children for the next stage in their learning has been identified. Meaningful opportunities for implementing oracy skills have been identified across each year group's curriculum with one writing outcome being presented as a spoken outcome.

SMSC - SPOKEN LANGUAGE

Spiritual

Oracy fosters spiritual growth by enhancing imagination and creativity, which are fundamental in learning. Through spoken language, students can explore and express complex ideas and feelings, including those related to spirituality. Engaging in discussions, storytelling, and oral presentations allows students to empathise with others, explore various belief systems, and articulate their thoughts and feelings on a wide array of subjects. This not only broadens their understanding of the world but also helps in recognising the spiritual dimensions of life.

Moral

Oracy supports moral development by facilitating discussions, debates, and reflections on moral and ethical issues. Through engaging in spoken activities, students learn to articulate their viewpoints, listen to others, and critically evaluate different perspectives on issues such as justice, fairness, and responsibility. This helps in understanding the complexity of moral dilemmas and encourages thoughtful decision-making and empathy towards others. Oracy activities that involve exploring the consequences of actions and the moral choices characters make in stories or real-life scenarios help in building a strong moral compass.

Social

In terms of social development, oracy is a key tool for understanding social norms and the evolution of language within society. It helps students to appreciate the diversity of language and its impact on social identity and cohesion. Through discussions, role-plays, and collaborative projects, students develop essential social skills such as active listening, respectful dialogue, and the ability to present and defend their ideas confidently. These activities prepare students to navigate social interactions and contribute positively to their communities. Oracy also promotes a culture of acceptance and inclusion, encouraging students to value diverse perspectives and backgrounds, which enhances their ability to engage with a wider variety of people in a respectful and understanding manner.

Cultural

Oracy enhances cultural development by exposing students to a variety of linguistic traditions and cultural narratives. Through oral storytelling, reading aloud, and discussing literature and viewpoints from different cultures, students gain insights into the lives, values, and perspectives of people from diverse backgrounds. This not only enriches their understanding of the world but also fosters respect for cultural diversity. Furthermore, by encouraging students to express their own cultural experiences and viewpoints, oracy helps in cultivating a strong sense of identity and belonging.

CURRICULUM AND PROGRESSION

Progression within a component

Within each oracy component the vocabulary is specifically chosen to reflect the knowledge, skills and understanding being developed at that stage. For instance, in the Persuasion component, students start with basic persuasive language techniques and gradually progress to employing more sophisticated rhetorical strategies, reflected in the vocabulary they learn and use, such as "emotive language," "rhetorical questions," and "ethical considerations." This progression ensures that as students' understanding of each component deepens, so does their ability to articulate their ideas with greater precision and sophistication.

Interconnectedness of oracy components

When planning and implementing an oracy curriculum based on the progression framework, it is crucial to recognise that the different components—narrative talk, persuasion, taking and giving instructions, discussion, reasoning, explanation, and negotiation—should not be viewed or planned for in isolation. Each component, while distinct, naturally supports and enhances the others, forming a cohesive and comprehensive approach to developing students' oracy skills.

Integrated Learning Approaches

Each oracy component overlaps with others in practical applications. For instance, during a debate (commonly seen as part of the 'Discussion' component), students also engage in 'Negotiation' to reach a consensus and 'Reasoning' to construct and defend arguments. This shows that effective oracy education requires a holistic approach where skills are not segregated but integrated.

Reinforcement of Skills

Skills developed in one area can enhance performance in another. For example, effective 'Narrative Talk' helps build a foundation for 'Persuasion' by enabling students to construct compelling stories that support their arguments. Similarly, 'Explanation' skills are crucial for 'Taking and Giving Instructions' as both require clarity, structure, and coherence in communication.

Spoken skills components:

Generic Talk - Focusing on everyday communication, this component encourages students to develop their conversational skills, adapt their speech for different purposes and audiences, and use appropriate registers. It supports the acquisition of skills necessary for effective interpersonal interactions and collaborative work.

Narrative Talk - Here, the emphasis is on storytelling and narrative construction, helping students to develop their ability to structure stories, use descriptive language, and convey emotions through speech. This component fosters creativity and imagination, essential for engaging storytelling and understanding narrative structures.

Persuasion - Students learn to construct arguments, persuade others, and critically evaluate persuasive speech. This component is crucial for developing critical thinking skills and the ability to engage in constructive debate, reflecting the curriculum's aim to produce articulate and reasoned individuals.

Taking and Giving Instructions - This practical component teaches students how to give clear instructions and follow them accurately, an essential skill in both academic and real-world scenarios. It underscores the importance of clarity, sequence, and precision in oral communication.

Discussion - Encouraging students to participate in discussions, debates, and deliberations, this component is aimed at enhancing students' ability to consider different viewpoints, formulate and express their opinions, and engage in democratic decision-making processes.

Explanation - This component focuses on explaining concepts and processes clearly and coherently, supporting students in developing the ability to convey complex information in an accessible manner.

Reasoning - Students are taught to use logical reasoning to support their arguments, make decisions, and solve problems, highlighting the role of critical thinking in effective communication.

Negotiation - Focusing on conflict resolution and cooperative problem-solving, this component equips students with the skills to negotiate and find mutually beneficial solutions, reflecting the social and cooperative aims of the curriculum.

The planning process:

- 1. Identify the outcome/oral opportunity
- 2. Establish the key skills to be developed
- 3. Decide/identify what the children need to say/what stem sentences they need in order to learn, explore, explain and define the new skill or learning. What have they used previously that they can apply to this?
- 4. Clarify what the teacher needs to model
- 5. Provide opportunities for the children to use the new language

Practical teaching and learning strategies to support language acquisition

- Visuals display sentence structures enabling children to use them as a point of reference during talk based tasks.
- Modelling deciding which sentence structure to use based on the context, then speak the sentence, 'thinking aloud'
- Improving the quality of talk encourage responses that build on those of others, e.g. 'I agree with because'
- Partner and group talk expect children to use sentence structures from previous lessons together with the given sentence structures, encourage them to question each other and develop each other's responses.
- Oral rehearsal practise orally using 'writer's talk', in pairs or individually.
- Recording children's talk –encourage children to listen to their own talk so as to develop and improve on it.

Progression of Generic spoken skills.

Generic Key skills	Physical	Cognitive	Linguistic	Social and Emotional
Y1	 To use the appropriate tone of voice in the right context. E.g. speaking calmly when resolving an issue in the playground. To speak clearly and confidently in a range of contexts. 	 To offer reasons for their opinions To recognise when they haven't understood something and asks a question to help with this. To disagree with someone else's opinion politely. To explain ideas and events in chronological order. 	 To use vocabulary appropriate specific to the topic at hand To take opportunities to try out new language, even if not always used correctly. To use sentence stems to link to other's ideas in group discussion. E.g. 'I agree with because' 'Linking to' To use conjunctions to organise and sequence ideas e.g. firstly, secondly, finally. 	 Listens to others and is willing to change their mind based on what they have heard To organise group discussions independently of an adult.

Introduce pupils to different protocols to scaffold turn-taking e.g. putting a thumb in when they want to speak, or taking turns passing talk around a circle.

Use visual aids to support pupils' awareness of talk e.g. using counters to represent contributions to a discussion or passing wool from speaker to speaker to show how contributions in a conversation should link to each other.

As a teacher, explicitly model your own use of questions to clarify your understanding, e.g. 'I didn't understand that so I'm going to ask a question to help me. What did you mean by X?'

Draw pupils' attention to the role that listening has in developing understanding. E.g. 'Now that we have heard that, has anyone changed their mind?'

Generic Key skills	Physical	Cognitive	Linguistic	Social and Emotional
Y2	 To start to use gesture to support the 	 To ask questions to find out more 	 To adapt how they speak in different 	To start to develop an awareness of
	delivery of ideas e.g. gesturing towards	about a subject.	situations according to audience.	audience e.g. what might interest a
	someone if referencing their idea, or	 To build on others' ideas in discussions. 	 To use sentence stems to signal when 	certain group.
	counting off ideas on their fingers as they	 To make connections between what 	they are building on or challenging	 To be aware of others who have not
	say them.	has been said and their own and others'	others' ideas.	spoken and to invite them into discussion.
		experiences.		Confident delivery of short pre-prepared
				material

Introduce sentence stems with accompanying gestures to support meaning for both speaker and their audience. E.g. linking fingers together for 'linking to' and holding up one finger to emphasise their first point.

Create different role play scenarios which enable pupils to practice speaking in different contexts e.g. having tea with the Queen, talking to sibling, talking to a neighbour or a friend on the playground. Play games which encourage pupils to elaborate on their ideas, e.g. 'tell me more' or 'just a minute'.

Use hot-seating and question tennis to develop pupils' questioning skills.

Praise pupils who invite others into discussions and as a class develop ideas for how this can be done, e.g. saying their name, asking them a question, turning to them.

Before students deliver presentational talk create structured opportunities for pupils to reflect on what will engage their audience e.g. how can they make their object for 'show and tell' interesting for their peers.

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Generic Key skills	Physical	Cognitive	Linguistic	Social and Emotional
Y3	 Deliberately varies tone of voice in order to convey meaning. E.g. speaking authoritatively during an expert talk or speaking with pathos when telling a sad part of a story. Considers position and posture when addressing an audience. 	 To offer opinions that aren't their own. To reflect on discussions and identify how to improve. • To be able to summarise a discussion. To reach shared agreement in discussions. 	 To be able to use specialist language to describe their own and others' talk. To use specialist vocabulary. To make precise language choices e.g. instead of describing a cake as 'nice' using 'delectable'. 	 To adapt the content of their speech for a specific audience. To speak with confidence in front of an audience.

Expose students to a range of models for talk, e.g. by meeting an expert or watching a talk online. Unpick why each speaker is successful e.g. how they establish their authority.

Develop a shared language to describe talk in the classroom through creating a class set of 'discussion guidelines'. These can be used as success criteria to support pupils to reflect on their discussions. Introduce 'Talk Detectives' to support pupils to reflect on their talk and raise pupils' awareness of what makes good discussion.

Spend time teaching pupils what it means to be a chair, e.g. a chair should be prepared to ask probing and clarifying questions and encourage others to do so too. Scaffold pupils' summaries by allocating one student in a trio discussion the role of the 'silent summariser'. While the other members of the trio discuss an idea, the silent summariser must remain quiet, listen and then feedback the main points at the end of the discussion.

Play 'articulate' with specialist subject vocabulary.

Generic Key skills	Physical	Cognitive	Linguistic	Social and Emotional
Y4	To consider movement when addressing	To be able to give supporting evidence	 To carefully consider the words and 	To use more natural and subtle prompts
	an audience.	e.g. citing a text, a previous example or a	phrasing they use to express their ideas	for turn taking.
	• To use pauses for effect in presentational	historical event.	and how this supports the purpose of	 To be able to empathise with an
	talk e.g. when telling a anecdote or telling	 To ask probing questions. To reflect 	talk. on others when giving feedback.	audience.
	a joke.	on their own oracy skills and identify		To consider the impact of their words
		areas of strength and areas to improve.		

Introduce pupils to sentence stems to cite evidence and ask probing questions.

Teach the conventions for different types of talk, e.g. in oral storytelling using similes, metaphors, time connectives, rich description and techniques to build suspense. In a persuasive pitch using a 'hook' to grab the audience's attention, rhetorical devices such list of three and rhetorical questions.

Create opportunities for pupils to reflect on their own oracy skills and those of their peers, and set targets for improvement.

Set up discussions where each pupil has key information to bring to the discussion. E.g. each pupil has read a different historical source or piece of evidence and the group needs to decide the cause of the central event.

When using trio discussions, allocate one member of the trio the role of questioner. Their sole responsibility during the trio discussion is to ask questions of the rest of the group

Generic Key skills	Physical	Cognitive	Linguistic	Social and Emotional
Y5	 To project their voice to large audience. 	 To be able to draw upon knowledge of 	To use an increasingly sophisticated	 Listening for extended periods of time.
	 For gestures to become increasingly 	the world to support their own point of	range of sentence stems with fluency and	 To speak with flair and passion.
	natural.	view and explore different perspectives.	accuracy.	
		E.g. In a discussion about vegetarianism,		
		rather than saying 'my mum is a		
		vegetarian so eating meat is wrong' to be		
		able to say 'lots of people don't eat		

Equip students with the language to describe when a discussion has gone off track and support them to identify when this has happened e.g. by looking at transcripts or video examples. Develop use of sentence stems for students to bring discussions back on track e.g. 'That might be true, however what do you think about X?' 'It feels a bit like we are going off topic here. Let's get back to X'.

Teach strategies to be able to listen for an extended period of time, e.g. note-taking or drawing visuals. Use vocal warm ups and diaphragm breathing exercises to support voice projection. Some examples are in the book, This is a Voice.

Develop a bank of sentence stems which have a similar meaning to those students are already familiar with e.g. for agreement: 'I agree and I would like to add ...' 'I would like to echo what X said because ...' 'I see it in a similar way to X because ...' 'I have a similar opinion because ...'

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Generic Key skills	Physical	Cognitive	Linguistic	Social and Emotional
Y6	To speak fluently in front of an	 To construct a detailed argument or 	 To vary sentence structures and length 	 To use humour effectively
	audience.	complex narrative. ● To spontaneously	for effect when speaking. To be	 To be able to read a room or a group
	 To have a stage presence. ● Consciously 	respond to increasingly complex	comfortable using idiom and expressions.	and take action accordingly e.g. if
	adapt tone, pace and volume of voice	questions, citing evidence where		everyone looks disengaged, moving on or
	within a single situation.	appropriate.		changing topic, or if people look confused
				stopping to take questions.

Play games like 'just a minute' to practise fluency when talking about a given topic e.g. climate change.

Practise 'power poses' to explore physical aspects of speaking

Teach structures for building evidence-based arguments

Progression of Spoken skills components:

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
	 Experiment with familiar phrases associated with well-known stories in their own stories Listen to a story and join in with actions Use conventions such as 'In the beginning' and 'Once upon a time' Use different voice for different characters Repeat chunks of a story they know well using story language 	 Tell the listener where and when the story is set Use terms like yesterday, last week, today, tomorrow Use specific names of places, including towns Use appropriate tenses to show if the story is set in the present, past or future Use terms like 'a long time ago' or 'recently' to help the listener get a sense of how long ago the story was set 	 Vary voice and language to express feelings at key moments in the story Show good expression by using their voice louder and softer as required Show understanding as to how characters relate to one another
Talk	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Narrative	 Speak with good diction so that the audience can hear what is said Show awareness of their potential impact on a group that is listening to them Use correct Standard English Use powerful verbs and adjectives Talk about their personal feelings in relation to the way a story starts and ends Identity language used within a story that is different from everyday use 	 Recognise how precise use of language helps the listener understand more about a specific character or setting Ensure that listeners are left in no doubt about certain characteristics, such as appearance and personality Recognise how important it is to know the place and time they are talking about so that a story holds its authenticity Use strong adjectives and verbs to help create a scenario that draws in the listener Add a little exaggeration to capture the audience's interest 	 Recognise the need to use strong verbs and adjectives to make a point about a character in their talk Know when to bring in additional features such as strong verbs and adjectives to ensure that the audience identifies with the characters in the story Recognise the need to manipulate narrative pace and setting to reflect mood Capture the audience by varying pace, changing the mood and adding suspense Make appropriate choices between Standard English, colloquialism or dialect according to need Move away from Standard English to capture a character's specific features - for example, accent or slang

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
	 Express feelings and ideas when speaking about matters of immediate interest Listen to what others in group suggest and then say what they do and do not agree with Respond to what has been heard, making comments and asking questions Show awareness of the needs of the listener, gaining the listener's attention before commencing Wait until someone has finished speaking before offering their own opinion 	Recognise the need to take equal turns in a group situation Show patience when others have not had a turn to talk Use non-fiction books to find the answer to a simple question that concerns them Begin to distinguish between fact and opinion Know how to change voice when presenting something to the whole class	 Organise persuasive language with a clear view as to who they are pitching it at Use technical words linked to the topic being discussed Listens carefully and then makes relevant comments associated with what has been said During a discussion, makes it clear that they appreciate the point made by someone else although they disagree with it Know when to vary voice and language to express feelings at key moment Exaggerate to help make a point Knows the impact that heightening their voice has to end a debate
NOIS	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
PERSUASION	 Ensure that persuasive talk provokes a strong response Make thoughtful use of the resources available, especially non-fiction books and the internet, to develop and illustrate ideas in discussion Use a range of resources to help create and sustain their argument Make use of what they have learnt from a discussion, presentation or television programme Give listeners/partners clear reasons/evidence for their views Provide factual information 	 Ensure persuasive language has the right balance of image, words, phrases and sound A good range of resources are used to help the listener make sense of an argument being presented Summarise the main points of an argument or discussion Make up their own mind about what the important points are Provide key points for and against so that the listener can make up their own mind Present conflicting views of an argument and reach a considered conclusion Talk in extended turns to express straightforward ideas and feelings Give others plenty of time to make their point before providing contradicting evidence 	Listen to a debate with an open mind, recalling the main arguments and deciding, for clear reasons, which one was most convincing Present a spoken argument that develops coherently and logically Present a spoken argument that supports its points with evidence and persuasive language Present strong argument in a formal debate on an issue, using the language and procedures of debating Show that they are aware of going through the Chair if they need to make a point or add to what is being presented

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
GIVING INSTRUCTIONS	 Contribute to class composition of instructions with teacher scribing Think out and give clear single oral instructions Give instructions with authority and confidence Listen carefully when instructions are given Listen patiently to an adult and know exactly what they have to do as a result Follow a two- or three-part instruction appropriately Know the difference between an instruction and a sentence Know that most instructions start with a word or phrase, e.g., "Will you", "Go and" 	 Ask for clarification if they are unsure when receiving instructions Focus on the person/people they are giving instructions to Make eye contact with the person being addressed Use appropriate intonation when giving instructions Convey instructions clearly but in a pleasant and positive way Use appropriate words associated with instructions, e.g., "Will you follow the" Know that imperative verbs are frequently used when giving instructions Ensure instructions follow one another in sequence 	With others, evaluate effectiveness of the instructions they have given Prepare a set of oral descriptions related to a game Develop a sequence of instructions in chronological order Give a listener enough detail so that instructions can be clearly understood Give clear oral instructions to members of a group
NG	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
NG AND GIVIN	Ensure the language and structure used in their instructions are appropriate for the task Be consistent in use of tenses Ensure that sequenced points start with an imperative verb Give instruction with clear diction so that everything can be heard and understood Speak clearly and slowly Use correct, grammatical features at all times Adapt instructions to suit different audiences, e.g., adults or younger children	Devise a set of instructions (using appropriate form and features) and test them out on other people, revise and try them out again Get others to check whether their instructions are accurate enough Identify sets of instructions which are for more complex procedures, or are combined with other text types (e.g., some recipes) Evaluate sets of instructions (including attempting to follow some of them) for purpose, organisation, clarity and usefulness Give clear oral instructions to achieve the completion of a common task Follow oral instructions of increased complexity Pupils take on different tasks - they agree on what they will do and rely upon each other to complete each task	Use the language conventions and grammatical features of the different types of speech as appropriate Move from first, second and third person, as appropriate Choose the appropriate form of speech and style to suit a specific purpose and audience Draw on knowledge of different non-fiction text types including non-fictions books and the internet

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
	 Talk about how different characters might think, feel and react differently from themselves and from each other Through talk and role play, explore how others might think, feel and react differently from themselves and from each other Show through role play that a familiar story might have a different ending 	 Through discussion, be prepared to explore different views and viewpoints Know that views and responses will vary greatly according to whose point of view is being looked at Through discussion and in life situations, recognise that different people (and characters) have different thoughts/feelings Discuss that in certain circumstances it may be alright to do something that may at first seem wrong 	Through role play and drama explore how different views might be expressed/explained/justified e.g., the different view of characters in a particular book, the different view of people in a simulated 'real life' scenario Through discussion explore how different views might be expressed/explained/justified e.g., the different view of characters in a particular book, the different view of people writing to a newspaper Participate in 'Conscience Alley' activities to express thoughts and feelings
NO I	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
DISCUSSION	 Continue to explore the expression of different views through discussion, role play and drama In exploring persuasive texts, and those presenting a particular argument, discuss which present a single (biased) viewpoint and which try to be more objective and balanced Use persuasive language appropriately in a discussion Listen to a range of views, some which match their own and others that do not Recognise if anyone is too biased and is arguing from a point of view that may be unfair 	 Experiment with the presentation of various views (own and others, biased and balanced) though discussion, debate and drama Open a discussion with a presentation on the main issue that provides enough balance for others to follow up In exploring persuasive texts, and those presenting a particular argument distinguish and discuss any texts which seem to be trying to present a more balanced or reasoned view, or which explore more than one possible perspective on an issue Recognise and understand the distinction between the persuasive presentation of a particular view and the discursive presentation of a balanced argument 	 Identity the language, grammar, organisational and stylistic features of balanced discussions which: Draw reasoned conclusions based on available evidence Signal a personal opinion clearly Clarify the strengths and weaknesses of different position Summarise different sides of an argument Provide a well-reasoned argument that could persuade others to think again As a member of a group, quickly defend someone's right to have a point of view even if it did not match the majority, or their own, view At the end of a discussion, give reasons for and against and present it in such a way that give people enough scope to make up their own mind

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Explain their own or another's motives, for why and how they made a model Provide a plausible explanation Year 4 Give listeners enough detail to communication		 Develop ideas and feelings through sustained talk Develop ideas as they are explaining
• Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
 Give listeners enough detail to communicate Ensure that key words describing a process emphasised Speak with good diction so that the audient what is said Speak with clarity and confidence 	Use the passive voiceUse technical vocabulary	 Shape talk very deliberately for effect and clarity Vary vocabulary, grammar and nonverbal features to suit the audience Be aware of features that a listener may be unfamiliar with and adapt vocabulary and pace accordingly

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
REASONING	 Talk about own experience in an audible voice using sequencing words and phrases such as 'then', 'after that' Listen to other's recounts and ask relevant questions Correct others when their sequence is not correct 	 During personal recounts begin to recognise generic structure, e.g., ordered sequence of events, use of words: first, next, after, when, finally Try to hear and consider the different preferences and interests in the group Hear the different points of view of others in the group with respect to their preferences Make a helpful contribution when speaking in turn Wait patiently for a turn to speak Start to show ability to build on what a previous speaker has said 	Summarise the main issues associated with a talk or presentation they have listened to Easily comes with different ideas associated with a specific problem Agree what is the most difficult task and how to tackle it Happy to give an input into a group discussion about the order they should tackle a problem
ASO	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
RE	 Discuss ways of using what they have learnt from a discussion or broadcast Make use of resources to develop and illustrate ideas in discussion Explain how the group arrived at an agreed view in relation to the main aim of the task 	Listen to others responsively in discussion and link ideas clearly to others' views - even if they are different Take turns to express ideas and feelings Shows patience in waiting their turn Shows emotion when expressing their views	Comfortable in developing others' ideas in different ways Happy to take an initial idea from someone else and then improve on it Recognise significant detail and implicit meaning in others' contributions Quick to recognise a good idea that was suggested by someone else in their group related to their work

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	
NOIL	 When explaining, quick to stop when a few are not paying attention and then continue again later Know to listen when someone else is saying something 	 Listen to and build on the previous speaker's contribution Know how to vary talk to hold a listener's attention Make helpful contribution when speaking in turn Contribute if they feel this is helpful in moving on the debate 	Listen carefully and then make relevant comments associated with what has been said Accept that their contribution will be valued if they in turn show respect to others' contributions Show good awareness of the listener and organises what is said accordingly Quickly assesses if what they are saying is not being fully understood or followed by others	
ОТІ	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	
NEGOTIATION	 Add or expand on points or evidence Recognise when they need to expand on what they have said or add more information Give the listener clear reasons or evidence for their 	 Show good understanding of what has been said and introduce new ideas that are valid Present conflicting views of an argument and reach a considered conclusion Provide a sound and balanced response 	 Listen to a debate with an open mind, recalling the main arguments and decide for clear reasons which one was the most convincing Provide reasons for and against the point before coming to their own conclusion Work together as a group to prepare an argument for or against the motion of a debate Acts as a Chair or a Secretary when working as part of a group to consider an argument put forward Show a growing ability to shape the direction of the talk Present a strong argument in a formal debate on an issue, using the language and procedures of debating Uses words like 'motion' and 'with due respect' and knows how to go through the Chair when conducting a debate 	

The Language of Narrative talk	I thinkbecause (prior knowledge)	What happened next?'
- Predicting/— Events and sorytelling/sequencing	I predictwill happen.	First I will
The Language of Sequencing	They are the same because (comparing)	Next I would
The Language of Sequencing	My partner said	
		Then I
	Retelling stories – Once upon a time; One day; Long	After that I
	ago	Finally I
The Language of Persuasion	I think that	I found out
The Language of Fersuasion	You said, but I feel	This is true because
	Tou said, but i feei	This is true because
The Language of taking and giving instructions	Can we try doing it this way?	Make sure to
	Let's all start by	It's important to
	First, we need to	Please be careful when
	Remember to	Once you've finished
The Language of Discussion		My partner thinks
	I thinkbecause	I agree because
	I likebestbecause	I disagree because
The Language of Explanation	It isand	I knowbecause
How ? Why? Where? When?	Theand	is in-between/after/before because
a suggestion that tries to explain something, based on	They arebecause	I feel proud of this part because
evidence	It is a (adjective) / (noun) ithas/have	My favourite part was
	1because	So then
	When Ibecause	The answer isbecause
	After I	Next time I will
The Language of Reasoning	They are the same because	I foundhard/easy because
Comparing and contrasting/Making an assumption	They are different becauseisandandis	I like / dislike because
based on prior knowledge	They are alike because they are both	I feel thatnext time.
Evaluative Talk	I think thatbecause	I could
	It isbecause	In my opinionbecause
	happened because	
		What do you think happened?
The Language of Negotiation	Yes because	
Agreement and Disagreement	No because	
	I like Because And	
	I don't like Because And	
	I agree with Because	
	It is right	
	It is wrong	

The Language of Narrative talk	Say how the characters feel and explain why.	I thinkbecause
- Predicting/– Events and	I think thatbecause	I predict thatbecause
storytelling/sequencing	This happenedbecause	I think they will be alike because they are both
The Language of Sequencing	I know this	My partner said
	What do you think happened?	First, Next, Then, After that, Finally
	How do you know that?	At last
	It / This isand	Suddenly
	This has and	'What happened next?' 'What did?'
	Theisand	First (First put the hat on)
	They areand	Next
	I feelbecausebecause ball	After that Finally Last of all
	I think my/book isbecause	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
	samesame	
	similar	
	different	
The Language of Persuasion	I noticed	I listened, and now
	After you talked, I thought	I feel like
	It's not just me, look at	The book says
	We should all talk about	We know it's important because
The Language of taking and giving instructions	Will you please follow the steps for?	I'm going to show you how to
	It's your turn to	After completing
	I would like you to	To ensure everyone understands
	Could everyone please?	Does anyone need me to repeat?
The Language of Discussion	I think because	
	I preferbecause	
	My partner thinks	
	I agree/disagree because	
The Language of Explanation	1because	I jumped on/up inbecauseare different in
How? Why? Where? When?	When Ibecause	that
a suggestion that tries to explain something,	After I	This makesso I
based on evidence	Thebecause	So then Ibecause
	We/Theybecause	I knowbecause
	HowWhyWhereWhen	I think thisbecause
	I started at 5 because theare	I know this, so I think
	both	This will happen because
The Language of Reasoning	They are the same because	I foundhard/easy because
Comparing and contrasting/Making an	They are similar because	I like / dislikebecausebecause
assumption based on prior knowledge	They are different because isandisis	It was interesting because like this because
Evaluative Talk	They are alike because they are both	I like the part wherebecausebecause
	It feels different because this one and that one	What I found hard about this work was
	I think my/book isbecause	I found this piece of work hard/easy because
	Next time I could	
The Language of Negotiation	No because	think because and also because
Agreement and Disagreement	Yes because	However
	l agree / disagree because	Also

The Language of Narrative talk	It looks/feels/sounds/smells like	Unfortunately
- Predicting/– Events and	It appears to bebecause	Luckily
sorytelling/sequencing	It seems to beas	· ·
The Language of Sequencing	I think it looks likedue to	Once upon a time Once there was
The Language of Sequencing	It reminds me ofbecause / therefore / meanwhile	As a result of
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
	Why? How/? What? Tell Me About	I remember that Then this happened
	I predict thatbecausehowever/meanwhile/therefore/also	Firstbecause
	I predict thatas a result of	Nexthowever
	This is probable because	Thentherefore
	therefore as a resultt	andare alike in that
	After predict that	are similar because
	The outcome will bebecause	are different in that
	What do you think?	How did you come to that prediction
		Later on Eventually
The Language of Persuasion	Targeting my argument to, I argue	The best reason I have is
	Discussing, I use terms like	An exaggeration might illustrate, such as
	Hearing your point, I counter with	To underscore my point, I will
	Appreciating your view, yet I disagree because	Solid evidence for my argument is
The Language of taking and	The next step involves	Pay close attention as I
giving instructions	It's crucial that we	To make this work
88	As a group, we will	We're going to evaluate how
	This part requires us to	By working together, we can
The Language of Discussion	I agree/disagree because	My opinion/view isbecause/as/due to
The Language of Discussion	l appreciate/understand's opinion because/as/due	I believebecause
	to	What is your opinionHow do you feelWhy do you feel
	However I feelbecause/as/due to	What is your opinion
The Language of Explanation	Because I know thatl know that	If youthen
		,
How? Why? Where? When?	Due to thisI know that	First After that
a suggestion that tries to	HowWhy	I knowbecause
explain something, based on	Where When	and are alike in that/andare similar because
evidence	What After	hut/whileiswhileis
	Then / As a result of / Later / because	When / If
		, So
The Language of Reasoning	I conclude thatbecause	After looking at the data/information/results I conclude that
Comparing and	I found thatbecause	On observing I found that
contrasting/Making an	As a result ofI conclude that	I found this workbecause
assumption based on prior	After looking at the data/information/results I conclude that	Next time I could/would
knowledge	On observing I found that! conclude thatbecausebecause	Maybe you could try / I feel that
Evaluative Talk	I found thatbecause	I enjoyed it because
	As a result of	was successful / ambitious because
	The district of the district o	You could improve this work by
The Language of Negotiation	An argument for is Because	Tou could improve this work by
Agreement and Disagreement	An argument against isbecause	
Agreement and Disagreement		
	I understand however / due to / but / therefore	
	I accept your decision however I feel / believe Because / as / due / to	

The Language of Narrative talk	It looks / tastes / feels / sounds / smells like	In the beginning
- Predicting/– Events and	It appears to bebecause	Subsequently (time connectives)
sorytelling/sequencing	It seems to be likebecause	On the other side of the forest
The Language of Sequencing	I think it looks likebecause	Back at home
	It reminds me ofbecause	I remember that With hindsight Reflecting upon
	I predict thatbecausehowever	In the event that Lastly In the end
	Due to the fact that (extension of because)	To conclude / In conclusion / To sum up
	As a result ofthis will happen because	Firstlybecause/however/therefore/after a while/meanwhile/ in addition
	All events lead on tobecausebecause	Next Then Finally/Eventually/Lastly
	Becausewill happen.	In conclusion
	The outcome will bedue to	Why? How? What? Tell Me About
	Based on predict that	
	After hearing all the evidence, I think that will happen	
The Language of Persuasion	My aim is to provoke thought by saying	My reasoning is backed by evidence like
	Resources have led me to conclude	I've found facts that illustrate
	My argument, supported by, shows	Our presentation involves images and words that
	From our discussions, it's apparent	Considering all viewpoints, I determine
The Language of taking and	Ensuring accuracy, we must	Adapting our instructions for
giving instructions	Speaking clearly	It's imperative that we start with
	When giving instructions	Focusing on the task at hand
	As we proceed	Sequencing our points, firstly
The Language of Discussion	I agree/I disagree because	Most reasonable people would agree thatbecause
	I appreciate's opinion because Due to	What is your opinion on the issue of bullying?
	However I think differently because	How would you feel if you were being bullied/in that situation?
The Language of Explanation	HowWhy	We know thatso/because/ It can't beso/becauseso/because
How? Why? Where? When?	Where	So it must beso/because/ I agree/disagree with you because
a suggestion that tries to	What After	A major difference betweenandis that
explain something, based on	Then / As a result of / Later / Meanwhile / Furthermore / Eventually / In	Some ways in whichanddiffer arediffer are
evidence	contrast to /because	, So / As a result,
	Because I know that ice melts, I know that	Maybe it's because
	, and the second	Due to the fact that know thatwill happen
The Language of Reasoning	andare both	In conclusion, I would say thatdue to the fact that
Comparing and	andare alike in that	My results make me think thatbecausebecause
contrasting/Making an	are similar because	Having analysed the data, I conclude that
assumption based on prior	andhave the following points in common:	I enjoyedbecause
knowledge	One similarity betweenandis thatis	was successful / ambitious because
Evaluative Talk	Another is	You could improve this work byMaybe you could try
	A further	Next time I / you could / would
	One difference is	
	A further difference	
The Language of Negotiation	An argument foris because and	would argue
Agreement and Disagreement	An argument against Isbecauseand	I understand your point of view, however I disagree because
	I understand Thatdepending on the content but	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,

Progression in language structures- YEAR 5			
The Language of Narrative	It looks / tastes / feels / sounds / smells like	I predict that	
talk	It appears to bebecause	I believe / I thinkmight / or	
- Predicting/– Events and	It seems to be likebecause	If then	
sorytelling/sequencing	I think it looks likebecause	X has happened, therefore I think	
The Language of Sequencing	It reminds me ofbecause	First, Next, Then, After that, Finally	
		'What happened next?' 'What did?'	
		Meanwhile	
		Following this / that	
		In the beginning	
The Language of Persuasion	Including visuals, my argument presents	Examining both sides, such as, shows	
The Euriguage of Fersuasion	To clarify my stance, I use	Exploring differing views, I conclude	
	Summarising, my main argument is	Explaining in depth, I'd like to add	
	The crux of the issue, from my view, is		
	The crux of the issue, from my view, is	Listening to your points, my evidence suggests	
The Language of taking and	To improve our approach, we'll test and adjust our instructions by	Organising our instructions, we aim for them to be	
giving instructions	When facing more intricate tasks, it's essential to	To refine our instructions, feedback is sought to	
giving matractions	For clarity's sake, let's reassess our instructions to ensure they	Consulting with others, we aim to verify if our instructions are	
	Following these instructions as a trial, we should observe whether	Collective efforts enhance the effectiveness of our instructions, especially when	
	Tollowing these instructions as a trial, we should observe whether	Collective error is ermance the effectiveness of our mistractions, especially when	
The Language of Discussion	Therefore / In my opinion / I believe	He considers	
		It is my opinion thathowever others may/might believe	
The Language of Explanation	Because ofx happened	I think the question meansso the answer would be	
How ? Why? Where?	For example	I know thattherefore I would try out	
When?	In conclusion	If theadd up tothen the total number must be	
a suggestion that tries to	To begin with	Knowing this means we can work out what's missing!	
explain something, based on	As a result of	as a result /therefore	
evidence	The reason(s) for	The reason is that /is due to	
	It is true that	Can we prove that	
	I would like to prove / disprove	In conclusion	
	Perhaps the reason is		
The Language of Reasoning	In some waysandare alike. For instance they	I deduce/deduct	
Comparing and	both	I have worked out	
contrasting/Making an	Another feature they have in common is that	In conclusion	
assumption based on prior	Furthermore they are both	I conclude	
knowledge	However they also differ in some ways. For	My view is thatbecausebecause	
Evaluative Talk	examplewhile	This is supported by the fact that	
Evaluative Talk	Another difference is	In my opinionfurthermoreHowever	
	The fact is		
	In effect	Possible improvements may include	
The Language of Negotiation	Given thatthen In my opinion Should be banned.	Perhaps some people would argue that	
Agreement and Disagreement	I have two main reasons for believing this. First of all, as I'm sure	However, I would point out that	
Agreement and Disagreement	_		
	you'll agree,	It is clear that a ban onwould be a great step forward!	
	My second important reason for wanting to ban is		
	that		

The Language of Narrative talk	In light of predict	In comparison to
- Predicting/– Events and	There is a high / low probability	Idioms e.g. Peas in a pod
sorytelling/sequencing	The chances of/The likelihood of/Due to the fact that/Upon consideration of	Develop / Introduce metaphors and similes.
The Language of Sequencing	the relevant factors	Varying the pace allows me to
The Language of Sequencing	First, Next, Then, After that, Finally	To build suspense, I'll change
	'What happened next?' 'What did?'	A character's accent or slang, like (example), shows
	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	Moving away from Standard English can highlight
	In summary	
	The consequence of	Capturing the audience involves (technique)
	Whilst X was Y was During X – Y happened.	The mood of my story shifts when (Adjective/verb) adds depth to (character/setting) by
	Initially the were However	Manipulating narrative elements like pace and setting allows me to
The Language of Dersussian	Considering the debate I find more convincing because	
The Language of Persuasion	Considering the debate, I find more convincing because	To interject, through the Chair, I say
	Building my argument, I start with	Delving deeper, my analysis reveals
	To support my stance, consider	After evaluating arguments, my conclusion is
	In this formal debate, my position is	Given the evidence, I firmly believe
The Language of taking and giving instructions	To successfully complete our tasks, it's vital that we	Choosing the appropriate style and tone, we aim to
	In striving for our common goal, we must	Our discussions and planning sessions emphasise the importance of
	Addressing the task's complexity requires us to	For our project to succeed, every team member must
	The reliability of each task depends on our ability to	Given the complexity of our task, we'll break it down by
The Language of Discussion	Consequently / Based on fact / Because of my beliefs	It is my understanding that
	To hold the view / After consideration	The facts lead me to the conclusion that
	After / On reflection	
The Language of Explanation	Such as	Having pondered
How? Why? Where? When?	Due tox has / is	If we accept this hypothesis, what else will be true?
a suggestion that tries to explain something,	In summary	Given this, it is likely thatFirst
based on evidence	Owing tox has / is	IThenNextFinally
	This has altered	I approached it methodically (by)
	Evidently	I was systematic(when/because)
	Based on the evidence I have been presented with, I can conclude	I looked at the whole problem and broke it down into steps
	Taking everything into account	We could possiblyOr
	Having analysed	So far I have discovered/worked out that
The Language of Reasoning	In some waysandare alike. For instance they both	This is supported by the fact that
Comparing and contrasting/Making an	Another feature they have in common is that	Furthermorehowever
assumption based on prior knowledge	Furthermore they are both	Possible improvements may include
Evaluative Talk	However they also differ in some ways. For examplewhilewhile	Or alternativelyThe facts lead
	Another difference is thatwhereaswhereas	to
	Finallybutbut	Based on
	The similarities/differences seem more significant that the	Been lead to the conclusion that
	similarities/differences because	The evidence leads to
	My view is that	Having considered
	In my opinion	This infers that
The Language of Negotiation	On the one hand	Consequently / Based on fact / Because of my beliefs
Agreement and Disagreement	Convince me that	To hold the view / After consideration
	I am convinced	After / On reflection
	Given that	It is my understanding that
		The facts lead me to the conclusion that
		The facts lead the to the conclusion that

Roles and responsibilities

- Headteacher
- The headteacher at our school will:
- Support the subject leader but also hold them to account for the effectiveness of the subject
- Support staff through the provision of training and resources
- Monitor the planning and delivery of the subject
- Ensure the requirements of the National Curriculum are met
- Ensure this policy is reviewed according to the timescales set out
- Subject leader
- The subject leaders at our school will:
- Prepare and review subject policy and curriculum plans
- Promote the study of the subject throughout the school
- Monitor the teaching and assessment of the subject (using subject leader journal)
- Attend appropriate CPD
- Stay informed regarding developments in the study and teaching of the subject
- Evaluate resources
- · Provide support, training and CPD to staff on the subject curriculum and its delivery, and keep them informed about subject developments nationally
- Assess the impact of the subject curriculum on pupils' learning and development
- Make presentations to governors on the subject and how it is being taught
- Provide the Headteacher with a summary report in which the strengths and weaknesses of science are evaluated and indicated areas for further development
- Classroom teacher
- Classroom teachers at our school will:
- Plan, teach and assess the subject according to the principles laid out in this policy
- Report to the subject leader
- Maintain subject knowledge and appropriate CPD
- Parents
- The parent community at our school will:
- Make sure their children are prepared for learning
- Support their children to complete project book activities

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Health and Safety

Children at St. Paul's are taught how

Links to other policies

- This subject policy links to the following policies and procedures:
- Curriculum policy
- Assessment policy
- Marking policy
- SEN policy

Monitoring and review

This policy will be reviewed by staff and governors annually.

Inclusion

- At St. Paul's, teachers set high expectations for all pupils in Oracy, whatever their ability and individual needs. Oracy forms part of the school curriculum policy to provide a broad and balanced education to all children and we acknowledge that learners with additional needs are likely to experience difficulties within their learning which may act as barriers. Through our science teaching, we provide learning opportunities that enable all pupils to make good progress by adapting the teaching of science to suit the needs of all pupils. We strive hard to meet the needs and will use appropriate assessment to set ambitious targets and plan challenging work for all groups, including:
- More able pupils
- Pupils with low prior attainment
- Pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds
- Pupils with special educational needs (SEN)
- Pupils with English as an additional language (EAL)
- Teachers carefully consider these adaptations as shown below:

Cognition and Learning	
Barriers	Provision
 Understanding Word 	Pre-teach key knowledge and vocabulary, then ensure multiple and regular exposure to these words.
finding skills.	Consider accessibility of worked examples.
 Articulation Sequencing 	• Consider the use of displays and make sure vocabulary is related to learning for that lesson.
(including retaining	• Use symbols, images or objects to make it more accessible.
instructions).	Use of speaking frames to prevent cognitive load.
Processing speed.	• Encourage use of mind maps/ pictures/ flow charts and visual organisers.
 Attention and Listening. 	• IEP targets – SALT considerations
 Comprehension skills. 	Small group teaching and presentation
Understanding of key vocabulary	Teaching delivered in quiet and distraction free environment.
Communication and Intera	iction
Barriers	Provision
Processing of	Recognition that some vocabulary may be challenging for many children.
instruction.	Give specific contextual use of words, with images to support understanding.
Retention	Pre-teach key vocabulary, ensure multiple and regular exposure to these words.
 Accessing texts. 	Check children's understanding by getting them to reiterate what you have asked them.
Working memory.	Give children time to process and formulate.
Making links	Reduce adult talk and length of input.
low self esteem	• Further opportunities to embed language through application of it contextually, orally.
General gaps	SALT interventions
	Visual prompts
	Stem sentences to refer to

Physical and Sensory			
Barriers	Provision		
• Artificial lighting. • Consider ventilation and positioning of children for anything that may have an odour			
• Classroom noise/busy- ness			
• Tone and volume of • Use of sensory aids as part of usual provision e.g. gloves, audio/visual support.			
adult voicesCore strength and fine-	 Consider pupil sensory audits and adaptations. Processing difficulties use of technology including iPads and laptops. 		
motor skills	• Use of concentration aids.		
Fatigue	Use of working walls.		
	• Use of standing desks, wobble boards, flexibility over where children read, thera-bands, over-lays.		
	Support and adaptations around oral presentation to reduce anxiety.		
	Performances and presentations in small groups.		
Social, Emotional and Men	tal Health		
Barriers	Provision		
• Emotional well-being	Consistency of approach reduces children's anxiety - it allows children to predict what will happen.		
Anxiety around	Provide an overview of the lesson elements so the children know what is coming.		
completing tasks	Pre-teach the child some of the elements of the lesson etc.		
 Changes in routine 	Use of working walls		
Lack of structure/open-	• Consider carefully the groupings – prepare the children by ensuring they are aware of the group they will be working in.		
endedness of task	• You may need to specifically teach the skills of cooperation and interaction for practical work.		
• Lack of clarity- what is	• Controlled choices		
expected	• Clear expectations		
• Feeling constrained by	Use of adult scribe, my turn your turn, paired work		
content/ outcome	Deliver task in short achievable bursts rather than all at once		
(demand avoidance)	• Opportunities to develop social skills including being taught these discretely to support engagement in group work and collaborative learning.		
	Rewarding and praising effort, not only academic content		

<u>F</u>urther information can be found in our statement of equality information and objectives, and in our SEN policy and information report.