

IVJS Oracy Newsletter

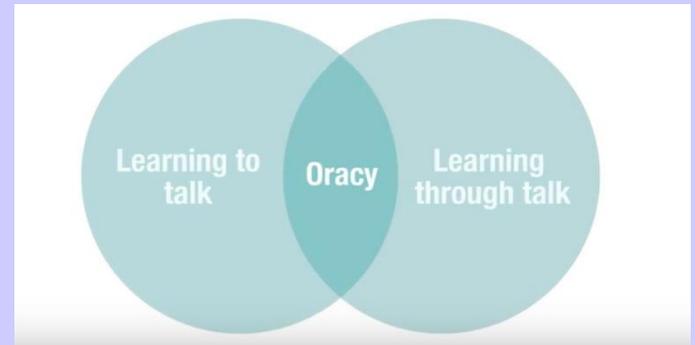


This year we have chosen to focus on developing oracy skills.

We hope that in doing this we will help pupils to develop their ability to express themselves verbally and utilise talk to support their learning.

Throughout the year, we will be working in different ways to develop the skills required for effective talk.

This newsletter will explain what we have done since the start of term to support pupils' oracy skills



Our first Oracy Challenge:

October marks the start of our first Oracy challenge. Throughout the month we will consider the important role talk has played in history and the different ways we utilise talk in our lives.

All pupils will engage in the oracy challenge and try to prove they have used talk for the following reasons:

- Talk to entertain
- Talk to instruct
- Talk to connect
- Talk to inform
- Talk to influence
- Talk to discover
- Talk to problem solve
- Talk to challenge
- Talk to share
- Talk to understand
- Talk to analyse
- Talk to compromise

Each week we will send home ideas of how to encourage your child to utilise talk for different purposes.

What skills are involved in oracy?

Physical skills – choosing how to use their voice, body language and gestures.

Linguistic – choosing how to use vocabulary, grammar and language techniques such as metaphors.

Cognitive – choosing the content of talk, structure of talk, clarifying meanings and giving reasons.

Social and emotional – developing the confidence to use voice for different purposes, listening and responding to others and having an awareness of your audience.

Vocabulary Ninja:

A key aspect of supporting pupils' oracy skills is ensuring that they have the vocabulary they need to express themselves. Each day, all pupils are introduced to a new word of the day and consider how to utilise it effectively in context. Ask your child about their word of the day and discuss its meaning.

Tips to help at home:

Oracy is all about supporting children to use their voice for a purpose.

You could visit the Voice 21 website's home learning section for some ideas of how to encourage your child to talk for different purposes at home.

<https://voice21.org/our-home-learning-highlights/>

If you complete an activity, try to reflect together on how they used their voice and what impact it had on those listening.

