



Learning through Literacy

At St Joseph's Pre-School we value and nurture a love of books. This week we started the Nuffield Early Language Intervention trial (NELI-N). NELI-N is an oral language enrichment programme for children before they enter formal education. It is designed around the principles of shared book reading and guided play. It improves vocabulary, develops narrative skills, encourages active listening and builds confidence in speaking.

The programme is based on dialogic reading where the adult helps the child become the story teller. The adult becomes the listener, the questioner, and the audience for the child. This approach recognises that children learn at their highest level, when they are actively involved.

Each week for 20 weeks, we will be focusing on a new book and link this to different play activities. There is a strong focus on four special words each week which you will find on the Pre-School planning:

<https://www.stjosephsrcinfant.bucks.sch.uk/Pre-School/Learning/>

and on the parent notice boards, outside both Rainbow and Sunshine room.

On Friday's we will send information for 'Learning @ Home' by Parent Mail about our story which you can use as a prompt. This is a good opportunity for children to communicate to you, what they have remembered and understood. We invite you to complete observation slips to tell us about the progress you are seeing at home. This information is invaluable in helping us track your child's progress accurately.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

We sincerely hope you enjoy sharing the stories.



From the Pre-School Team