

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar in the Early Years

Supporting Children At Home



The Early Years is fundamental in helping children develop their spelling, punctuation and grammar later on in their school years.

Spoken language is crucial because it allows children to express themselves confidently. If you cannot say a sentence correctly then it will be a struggle to write it.

Here are some practical examples that you can do at home to support your children's language development:

- Speak to your children ALL the time. The more language they hear the more they will absorb.
- Always model speaking and repeating in full sentences.
- Ask your children lots of questions e.g. I wonder what....I wonder how....I wonder if...
- Read to your child at least every night. Ask them questions about the characters, the pictures and the language in the book.
- Technology (television, i-pads, mobile phones) hinder children's language development. When they are on these devices they are not listening to spoken language and they are not speaking. Limit their time to 30 minutes a day for ALL devices.
- Engage your child in imaginative role-play e.g. doctors, hospitals, mums and dads.
- Make dinner a special time around a table for the entire family to sit together and talk about your day, interests, funny moments!

Try all the above consistently (at least three weeks) and you will see how a VERY big difference in your child's communication and language development.

If you have any questions please feel free to speak to the Early Years Team.

