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Early Years Newsletter

Peggy O'Mara
"The way we talk to
our children becomes
their inner voice"

News Focus: Communication and Language -Links to learning and later life.

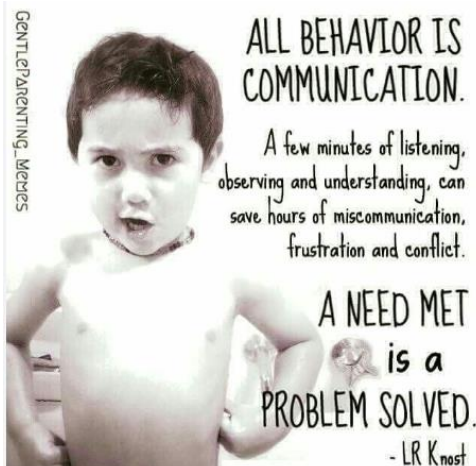
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- Communication and language are fundamental to every aspect of young children's thinking and learning. The rate of children's development depends on their interactions with adults at home and at school. Every interaction between an adult and a child is a teaching opportunity. Communication and language also provide the foundations for later literacy skills.
- Communication and language underpin all other areas of learning in the EYFS framework. This is because children typically learn and share what they know through oral communication and language before they can read and write. Communication and language are also vital for social and emotional development. They enable children to build relationships with their peers and the adults around them, to talk about what matters to them and to express their needs.

Handy Hints to support your child's Communication and Language at home:

Vince Gowmon notes that "The activities that are the easiest, cheapest, and most fun to do – such as singing, playing games, reading, storytelling, and just talking and listening – are also the best for child development".

Technology is a huge part of modern life but take time away from gadgets to make time to talk without distraction. This can be done anywhere; on a walk, snuggled on a chair, on a bus / in a car.



Community Links:

Barnardo's offer a wide range of support for families including courses and workshops for parents/carers of children from 0-19. For full information on the range of support available, please see our website.

[Welcome To Isle Of Wight Family Centres : Isle Of Wight Family Centres](#)

We also have 4 'Pop in's' this term at our Family Centre where parents/carers can drop in for a friendly chat and to find out more.

17/09/2025, 13/10/2025, 05/11/2025 & 15/12/2025,
9am – 11.30am.