



Early Talk Boost

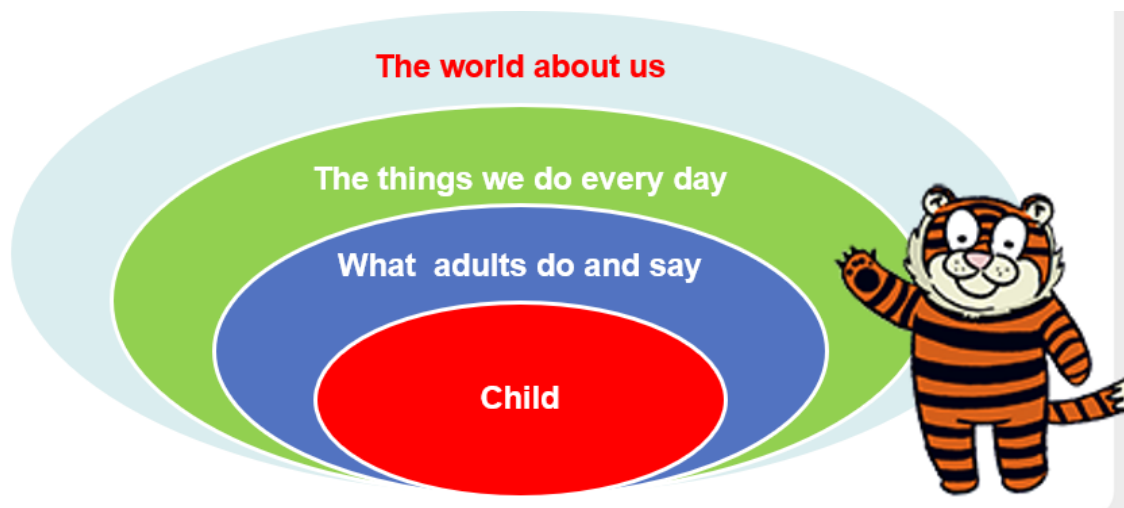
Research shows that children who start school as confident speakers with good language skills become successful learners and achieve in life'.

'10% of children have a speech, language or communication need which is likely to be persistent and have long term impacts on social behaviour and life chances', ICAN, 2006.

Early Talk Boost

- Early Talk Boost is a targeted intervention aimed at 3-4 year old children with delayed language development.
- It is designed to boost children's language skills to help narrow the gap between them and their peers.
- This programme has been designed by specialist speech and language therapists and a highly experienced nursery teacher.
- The intervention's design is based on strong evidence of what is known to support language development in the early years.

What helps children:



Early Talk Boost supports:

- Attention and listening.
- Speaking.
- Developing vocabulary and introducing new vocabulary.
- Building sentences.
- Building self-esteem and confidence.

Children become effective communicators by:

- Listening
- Understanding
- Finding out
- Telling people
- Making friends
- Saying how you feel
- Being understood

How does Bleakhouse Primary School use Early Talk Boost?

- Early Talk Boost is only used with our 3-4 year olds.
- Children are chosen specifically for this intervention group, to support a child in any areas in the list above.
- The group takes place three times a week for about 20 minutes, during a focused group time, for a 9 week period.
- The sessions are taught by a trained Teaching Assistant
- Parents/carers are provided with activities to complete at home during this intervention programme.
- The children's progress is monitored throughout the intervention programme. At the end of the sessions the child's progress, development and impact is compared from the start.

Overview of focus and content of intervention

	Weeks	Topic
Attention and listening	1 and 2	Learning to listen
Developing vocabulary	3 and 4	Nouns Big and little
Building sentences	5 to 8	Action words On, under and in Three-key-word sentences First, next and last
Having conversations	9	Making friends

Early Talk Boost
Helping children's
language development



A series of 8 story books introduce the characters of Jake and Tizzy who are used throughout the intervention.

All parents have a copy of the eight weekly Jake and Tizzy story books to share at home:

Early Talk Boost **Tizzy's Talking Tips to help your child learn language**



L Look at the pictures together

E Encourage your child to talk by letting them start the conversation

A Ask questions about the story

R Remember to talk about things your child is especially interested in

N Never rush; remember to pause



Please use the link below for further support on how to read the books with your child:

Early Talk Boost **Tizzy's Talking Tips in Action**

<https://vimeo.com/148095780>

