

Thames View Infants



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Dear Parents/Carers,

An introduction to communication...how we help children to express themselves and develop attention and listening skills.

Thursday 14th December at 9am
with Claire (me) and Joanna (Communication Assistant).

Would you answer "yes" to any of the following questions?

- Does your child sometimes find it hard to communicate, listen, or follow instructions?
- Do they ask the same questions again and again?
- Do they repeat the last few words of what you've just said?
- Do they have tantrums beyond the "terrible twos" seemingly for no reason and you can't work out what happened?
- Have you noticed a significant difference in your child compared to an older sibling or family member of a similar or older age in terms of language, play skills?
- Do they have a good memory for things like the ABC, or number but find it hard to spell or add?
- Do they play repeatedly with the same things, the same game and get upset if the toy is missing or someone plays with them?
- Do they get so absorbed in what they are doing they don't hear you, perhaps even getting upset, angry or even hurting you if you try and end the activity or take the toy away to start something new?



There might be something else you are worried about in terms of speech, language, communication, play skills, eating habits (if they are very specific and fussy). This session is a brief introduction to things we do at school and strategies you can try at home. We thought it would be useful to run just before the holiday so you can try some of them at home. We'll have a few resources for you to take home with you and we'll have some ideas for toys and activities that you could buy very cheaply to encourage play at home. We use the £1 shops a lot at Thames View Infants!

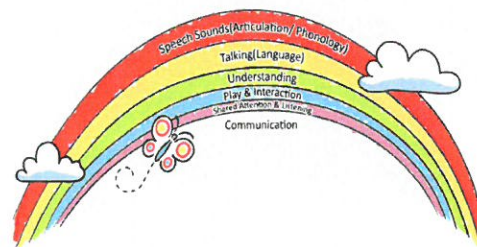
If you'd like to come along, please let the office know, we need to make sure we have enough of the resources for you all to take home and of course enough biscuits and coffee! If you have any questions about the sessions please come and see me as soon as possible. We will be running follow up sessions with next steps in the New Year, so keep your eyes peeled for those too.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Claire Smith

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