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Oracy helps us to listen carefully and respond to others.

When we talk we become better learners because we can share ideas.

Talking helps us to collaborate and be respectful of others opinions.

**What does Oracy look like at our school?**

In St. Brendan’s oracy is a powerful tool for learning. By teaching children to become more effective speakers and listeners we empower them to better understand themselves, each other and the world around them.

Oracy is embedded across our curriculum and from EYFS to Year 6, children are given the opportunity to develop oracy skills and build their confidence in talk for formal and informal situations, both inside and outside the classroom. Oracy is interlinked throughout our curriculum with metacognition skills and key vocabulary to extend our children’s spoken language, thinking skills and deepen their knowledge.

At St. Brendan’s we facilitate and encourage our children to:

* Engage with others’ ideas
* Develop their own argument
* Reason together
* Listen to understand
* Change people’s minds and allow their own mind to change
* Express themselves
* Speak up for what they believe in



**Why is Oracy important?**

Oracy is the ability of children to articulate ideas and develop understanding and engagement with others through spoken language. It allows children to become effective speakers and listeners, while deepening their subject knowledge and understanding. At St. Brendan’s we value the power of oracy in increasing the confidence and wellbeing of our children, empowering them with the belief that their voice has a value and developing the ability to articulate thoughts that others will listen to and respond to. Furthermore, oracy skills are pivotal for social mobility, equipping children to thrive in life beyond school and supporting them to progress and access employment.

What our children say about oracy at St. Brendan’s Catholic Primary School:

**Opportunities to celebrate oracy in our school:**

At St. Brendan’s we celebrate oracy in a variety of ways. Our metacognition focus enables the children to share their learning skills with each other and use key terminology.

Each week our children learn a poem and have the opportunity to perform their recital in our Friday assemblies.

Our children have the opportunity during their enquiry based learning to express their findings in whatever medium they choose for example a presentation, poem or song.

In our collective worship sessions, the children are encouraged to take the lead as a prayer leader and facilitate others to join in with prayer. In addition, our Year 6 Faith Friends lead assemblies and worship sessions throughout the school modelling key vocabulary and responses.

** Oracy at St. Brendan’s Catholic Primary School**