

## Literacy is:

- Listening and Talking
- Reading
- Writing



## Listening and Talking is central to all learning

- Listen and identify sounds in the environment - cars, trains, hoover, lawn mowers, door bell etc.
- Talk about and name things around the house
- Teach a new word every day, eg door handle, ceiling, hanger, saucer etc.
- Listen for and talk about rhyming words - nursery rhymes and songs
- Take time to play games which develop listening and talking e.g. I spy, word bingo

Encourage your child talk about what they do each day - retell events of the day, describe things they see around them, changes in the weather etc.

**TALK** to your child and remember to **LISTEN** to them.

Give them simple instructions to follow e.g. put on your shoes **and** zip up your coat.



## Reading for Information and Enjoyment

Talk to your child about the book,

**Title, Author, Illustrator, front and back cover etc.**

Show your child how a book works - from top to bottom and from left to right.

You could point to the words as you read to them everyday.

Ask your child what the story is about.



Take them to a Library and enjoy choosing both **story books (fiction)** and **factual books (non-fiction)**

Point out signs in the environment which give information Eg Entrance, Exit, shop signs, bus destinations, adverts.



**Sharing a book with your child for 10 minutes every day will develop his/her desire to read.**