



# Talk Boost

Parents meeting

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2014

# What is Talk Boost?

Talk Boost is a targeted intervention designed to improve the language and communication skills of 4 to 7 year olds.

The intervention is designed for children whose current language skills are below average for their age. They need a boost to enable them narrow the gap between them and their peers.

# How will it work?

The children will be in two groups of five children. The session will last for 30 to 40 minutes and will take place three times each week.

The programme will be delivered by a trained teaching assistant Mrs Marriner.

The programme will run for 10 weeks.

The programme will start next Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2014.

# Why did we choose your child?

- Discussions with class teachers last term. Miss Anthony and Mrs Bale.
- Your child was trying hard in class but is a little bit behind the others in the class.
- The children communicated better on a one-to-one level than in the whole class situation.

# Assessment

All the children chosen were assessed both by Mrs Marriner and by their class teachers.

They will be assessed again at the end of the 10 week programme to measure the success of the programme.

# 5 Principles of Talk Boost

- Attention and listening.
- Conversation.
- Telling stories.
- Vocabulary.
- Building sentences.

# Activities

- Lots of speaking and listening.
- Rules.
- Turn taking.
- Socialising.
- Games.
- Tea party.
- Instructions.

# Group and Class Activities

- In class the children will become “Talk Boost Experts”. The children will have the opportunity to tell the other children in class what they have been learning.
- Each week the whole class will focus on the Talk Boost topic of the week.



# Home

- Please talk to your children as much as possible.
- Ask them about their day in school.
- Talk about Talk Boost.
- Talk to them about everyday things. Make shopping lists, talk about what you are doing and about what you are going to do.
- Play games.
- Cook together.
- Have fun!

# Conclusion

- The children will be reassessed at the end of the 10 week programme.
- Parents will be given a written report and an opportunity to speak with Miss Hazelton and their child's class teacher.
- The children will be given stickers throughout the programme but at the end of the programme they will be given a certificate in assembly and a book to take home.