

## Communication

*We want our children to develop:*

- *An exceptional talent for listening attentively so as to understand what is being said*
- *A rich and varied vocabulary that gives clarity and interest to conversations*
- *Clear speech that can be easily understood by a range of audiences*
- *An excellent grasp of the rules used in English conversation, such as tenses and the grammatical structure of sentences*
- *A highly developed ability to tell stories that capture the interest and imagination of the audience*
- *A delight in initiating and joining in conversations*
- *Respect for others when communicating, even when views differ*

*Our main objectives (our essentials for progress) for communicating are:*

- *Engage in meaningful discussions in all areas of the curriculum*
- *Listen to and learn a wide range of subject-specific vocabulary*
- *Through reading, identify vocabulary that enriches and enlivens stories*
- *Speak to small and larger audiences at regular intervals*
- *Practise and rehearse sentences and stories, gaining feedback on the overall effect and the use of standard English*
- *Listen to and tell stories often so as to internalise the structure*
- *Debate issues and formulate well-constructed points*