

Vocabulary in Reception

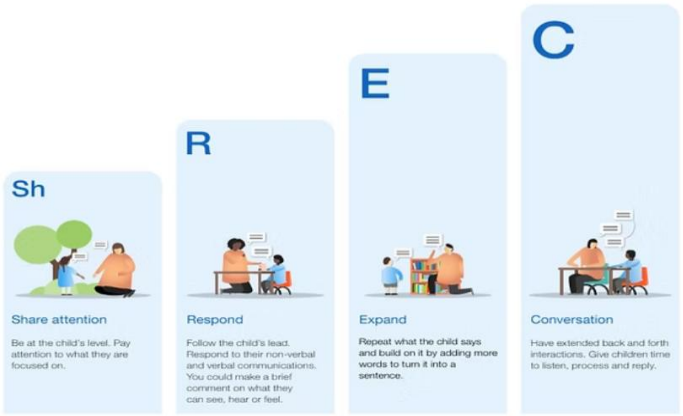
Intent

The development of children's spoken language underpins all seven areas of learning and development. Children's back-and-forth interactions from an early age form the foundations for language and cognitive development. The number and quality of the conversations they have with adults and peers throughout the day in a language-rich environment is crucial. By commenting on what children are interested in or doing, and echoing back what they say with new vocabulary added, adults will build children's language effectively.

Early language ability is one of the strongest predictors of later development through school and life. Language is essential for thinking, expressing feelings, making friends and finding solutions.

Implementation

At Morley, we use the 'SHREC' approach when we engage in conversations with the children.



In addition, we read frequently to the children, engaging them actively in stories, non-fiction texts, rhymes and poems.

Impact

The children will be exposed to new vocabulary daily and will have the opportunity through conversations, storytelling and role-play to use and embed the new vocabulary in a range of contexts. With modelling and sensitive questioning, inviting them to elaborate from an adult, the children will become more comfortable using a rich range of vocabulary and language structure.

The adults will take spontaneous opportunities to introduce new words as they naturally arise. Once they have been introduced and discussed the words will be added to the vocabulary wall. Parents will be kept informed of the new words added to the vocabulary wall each week so they can embed their use in conversations outside of school.

Below are the key vocabulary used in Reception for each of the areas of the continuous provision, the seven Early Learning Goals and for each of the curriculum topics throughout the year.

Key Vocabulary in Continuous Provision

Water Area

- Pour
- Fill
- Empty
- Full
- Measure
- Compare
- Surface
- Transparent
- Half full
- Float Sink
- Volume
- Capacity
- Drain

Sand Area

- Wet
- Dry
- Smooth
- Rough
- Pattern
- Grain
- Container
- Measure
- Structure
- Volume
- Capacity
- Absorb
- Sieve
- Mold

Malleable Area

- Long
- Short
- Round
- Flat Soft
- Stretch
- Combine
- Separate
- Smooth
- Pattern
- Sculpt
- Design 3D
- shape
- Decoration

Writing area

- Write
- Page
- Book
- Copy
- List
- Sentence
- Space
- Label
- Capital letter
- Sound
- Punctuation
- Full Stop
- Question Mark
- Phoneme
- Grapheme

Maths Area

- Number
- Shape
- Long
- Short
- Tall
- Compare
- Measure
- Share
- Double
- Half
- Capacity
- Weight
- Subtraction
- Addition
- Symmetry

Creative Area

- Line
- Shape
- Colour
- Draw
- Model
- Blend
- Smooth
- Combine
- Layer
- Arrange
- Composition
- Decorate
- Manipulate
- Experiment
- Imaginative

Painting Area

- Light
- Dark
- Thick
- Thin
- Colour
- Blend
- Layer
- Pattern
- Texture
- Contrast
- Gradient
- Highlight
- Shade
- Composition
- Design

Key Vocabulary in Continuous Provision

Reading Area

- Page
- Book
- Read
- Name
- Character
- Sentence
- Predict
- Beginning
- Middle
- End
- Cover
- Sequence
- Illustration
- Illustrator
- Fiction
- Nonfiction
- Spine Blurb
- Contents
- Index
- Glossary
- Chapter

Construction Area

- Tall
- Short
- Big
- Small
- Wide
- Support
- Strong
- Narrow
- Design
- Measure
- Architect
- Blueprint
- Stability
- Construct
- Material

Home corner

- Family
- Friend
- Home
- Room
- Pet
- Tidy
- Cook
- Clean
- Set table
- Prepare
- Appliance
- Furniture
- Role-play
- Responsibility

Small World area

- Building
- Vehicle
- Animal
- Figure
- Street
- Model
- Playground
- Farmyard
- Park
- Town
- Environment
- Community
- Scenario
- Terrain
- Landmark

Mud Kitchen

- Mud
- Water
- Cup
- Bowl
- Plate
- Pour
- Mix
- Scoop
- Pour
- Measure
- Sieve
- Funnel
- Whisk
- Texture
- Capacity
- Volume
- Recipe
- Ingredients

Investigation Area

- See
- Observe
- Find
- Compare
- Test
- Temperature
- Senses
- Hear
- Feel
- Magnifying glass
- Tweezers
- Binoculars

Bikes

- Balance
- Control
- Direction
- Travel
- Ride
- Handlebar
- Seat
- Brake
- Pedal
- Wheel

Key Vocabulary in Reception ELGs

Communication & Language

Listen
Say
Tell
Share
Explain
Describe
Think
Believe
Imagine
Feel
Word

Specific Vocabulary related to:

Emotions
Actions
Places
Objects
Storytelling
Role-play

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Happy
Sad
Angry
Scared
Excited
Surprised
Frustrated
Disappointed
Proud
Lonely
Tired
Try

Calm
Breath
Breathe
Think
Share
Take Turns
Kind
Gentle
Listen
Help
Friend
Mistake

Physical Development

Run
Jump
Climb
Crawl
Walk
Skip
Hop
Dance
Twirl
Spin
Stand
Balance
Steady

Catch
Throw
Kick
Hold
Draw
Make
Dress
Button
Careful
Look

Literacy

Letters
Sounds
Word
Blend
Segment
Sentence
Story
Book
Beginning
Middle
End
Read
Listen

Look
Point
Write
Draw
Pencil
Crayon
Pen
Paper
Song
Rhyme

Maths

Number
Count
More
Less
Same
Different
Big
Small
High
Low
Heavy
Light
Pattern

Objects
Sequence
Number Line
Shape
Space
Measure
Full
Empty
Collect
Sort
Record
Show
Make

Understanding the World

Weather
Food
Drink
Animals
Habitat
Communicate
Seasons
Traditions
Beliefs
Celebrations
Lifecycle
Care
Observe

People
Family
Friends
Community
Help
Roles
Home
School
Town
City
Country
Transport
Move

Expressive Arts & Design

Colour
Shape
Line
Pattern
Beat
Rhyme
Rhythm
Instrument
Voice
Sing
Role-Play
Character

Storytelling
Acting
Movement
Dance
Shape
Materials
Tools
Construction
Object
Design
Making
Test

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Key Vocabulary in topics

Morley and Me

Body
Face
Arm
Eye
Hand
Healthy
Grow
Change
Exercise
Diet
Skeleton
Muscles

Family
Home
Child
Parent
Pet
Brother/Sister
Grandparent
Cousin
Generation
Relative

Footprints in Morley, Snow-prints in the Poles

North Pole
South Pole
Globe
World
Map
Flag
Compass
Direction
Travel
Journey
Passport

Continent
Environment
Polar Animals
(Penguin, Arctic
Fox, Orca,
Elephant Seal,
Polar Bear,
Snowy Owl)
Frozen
Camouflaged
Habitats

Derbyshire Heroes

Firefighter
Pilot
Mechanic
Dentist
Hospital
Mechanic
Hospital
Uniform
Ambulance
Rescue
Community
Lifeguard

Fire engine
Helicopter
Ladder
Equipment
Volunteer
Emergency
Fire hose
Siren
Police radio
vehicle
Safety equipment

Morley to the Moon

Weather
Windy
Stormy
Puddle
Season
Snow
Ice
Cold
Rain
Wind
Freeze
Melt
Shiver

Frost
Icicle
Blizzard
Sleet
Sun
Spring
Summer
Winter
Autumn
Space
Astronaut
Rocket
Moon

Royals visit Derby

Leaf
Stem
Blossom
Sprout
Seedling
Roots
Flower
Petal
Seeds
Weeds
compost

Last Week
Yesterday
Before I Was Born
Long ago
Past
Old
New
King
Queen
Royal

Defending Derbyshire

Castle
Palace
Prince
Princess
Knight
Tower
Moat
Drawbridge

Adult
Frog
Butterfly
Tadpole
Life Cycle