

### **Speaking and Listening Website Blurb**

At Yeading Infant and Nursery school we recognise the importance of speaking and listening. It is in listening that we acquire new vocabulary and new ideas that influence our thoughts. It is in speaking that we are able to communicate these ideas to others. Without this process we would not have the words or ideas that help us to write and understand written words. Speaking and listening activities give children the foundation for reading and writing. Put simply we believe that if you can't talk, you can't read and you can't write.

At Yeading Infant and Nursery school we give the children every opportunity to explore and use the spoken word. We develop and discuss the vocabulary inspired by the books and stories we experience. We retell stories, retrieve information and learn inference, the art of reading between the lines. Children are given opportunities to recite poetry, debate or even present their ideas at the student council. Our Literacy system is underpinned by speaking and listening as our main writing programme illustrates, it is aptly named 'Talk 4 Writing'. Clearly we feel that speaking is essential and any children who are having difficulties are supported with the catch up programme Talk Boost.

The children are given guidance and instruction to develop their effective communication, by suitably structured activities and quality teaching. The teaching at Yeading Infant and Nursery school provides the role modelling that children need to develop their Literacy skills built on a foundation of high quality speaking and listening.