



# Let's Get Talking

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Welcome to the 'Communication Newsletter' for Hayes Meadow Primary school.

We want to offer advice on how to support your child in developing their core communication skills.

## Talking Tip!

Use gestures and facial expressions to help children make sense of new words. For example, when introducing the word excited, you might smile, wiggle and wave and arms about to demonstrate what it means.

## Communication Fact

"Language opens doors in schools, and it underpins progress, impacts on attainment throughout primary and secondary years, affects self-esteem and behaviour and plays a huge role in a child's future life chances." (ICAN, 2018)

## Web based resources and support

National Literacy Trust updated  
March 22



## Talking Task

Shop Talk – if you're going shopping with your child, play a guessing game. Say things such as "I am looking at something yellow, what could it be?" "I'm looking at something shiny, what could it be?" "Or, start some conversations – "This is a kiwi, it is grown on a vine in New Zealand." "What does this remind you of?" "Do you remember trying this before?"