

# Vocabulary Development



Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020

# Words are Important

- To succeed at school and in life
- Reading – to understand the words they decode
  - Writing – a wide and varied use of words
- All subjects – to understand the words that are used.

Rose ~ 2009

"If they can't say it,  
they can't write it"



# Support from home makes a difference!

- Using and talking about words at home as well helps children to learn new words faster and better!



# The way you talk helps your child to talk!

- Give your child time to talk.
- Talk about what you are doing/reading – don't ask questions.
- Name things for your child.
- Encourage your child to say when they don't know something.
- Can you say it in a sentence?

# Have fun with words!

- Children learn best when they are having fun!
- Playing with words helps children to learn about words (no special equipment needed!)



# Everyday things you can do to support vocabulary:

- Have fun with words!
- It is about talking as much as reading and writing
- When talking about words, use comments more than questions.

## Reading:

- Read to your child
- Talk about what you are reading.

## Watching TV

- Set your child a task when watching TV. Can they come and tell you a word that they have heard? Can they tell you a word that they think you might not know? Ask them to describe a character from the

# Talking Games

- Listening Games





# Talking Games

- Describing Games/Riddles

I'm thinking of something that are made of wool and you wear them on your hands when you're cold.

I am a soft yellow fruit with a skin that you peel. What am I?



I have four legs and whiskers and I purr. What am I?

# Talking Games

- Barrier Games



# Fun with Words

## Word Rounds

- Category
- Attribute
- Function
- Place
- Sound
- Syllable



# Fun with Words

20 questions

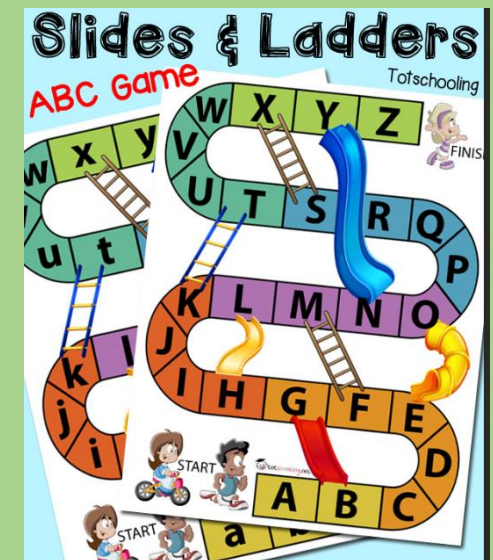
- Think of an object
- Ask 20 questions
- Reply with yes, no, maybe



# Fun with Words

## Alphabet game

- Select a letter of the alphabet
- Game, profession and place



Any questions?

App – Vocab lab

Please can you take a moment to fill  
in the questionnaire.