



LEECHPOOL CURRICULUM Newsletter



Oracy- *What is oracy?*

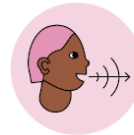
This year as a school we are focusing on developing the children's oracy skills. Academically, enhanced communication, critical thinking, and active participation contribute to a positive learning environment. Socially, oracy fosters effective interaction, teamwork, and cultural competence. Confidence is cultivated through public speaking, promoting positive self-expression. Language development thrives with vocabulary expansion and improved pronunciation. These skills prepare students for future success, enhancing employability. Emotionally, oracy nurtures empathy and conflict resolution abilities, contributing to well-rounded individuals.

To further support oracy development at home, parents can engage in regular conversations to promote vocabulary growth and fluency. Encouraging storytelling and posing open-ended questions stimulates critical thinking. Creating opportunities for public speaking, such as family discussions, contributes to confidence building. Actively listening, utilising educational games, and modelling effective communication foster a supportive environment. If you are able to support our oracy skills within the children at home it will be hugely beneficial to your child's development.



Physical

Are you speaking loud enough to be heard?



Linguistic

Are you starting to join ideas together with words like and, because and but?



Cognitive

Are you asking questions?



Social & Emotional

Are you taking turns to talk and listen?



Music

Music continues to flourish at Leechpool. Recently a group of children shared their music skills at Westlake care home. This was a wonderful experience for all involved and the children did the school proud.

On Friday you should have seen, and heard, all the children who had recorded musical tunes and performed at the fayre. As you walk through the school Christmas music is filling the corridors, with all children busily preparing for their Christmas shows!

Several children are learning musical instruments in school and entering graded exams.

In the coming weeks children from year 5 and 6 will also perform carols in town. The ukulele club and percussion club have also been practising hard.

Mr Gilmore

Specialist Music Teacher

Performance to Westlake



Visit from Royal British Legion



Big Run 2!



Times-tables

As well as the children having access to [TT Rockstarts](#), little and frequent practise of times tables offers several advantages for children. Regular, short sessions enhance memory retention, making it easier for children to recall multiplication facts. Consistent practice creates a manageable routine, reducing stress and fostering a positive attitude towards learning. The brief sessions help maintain focus, contributing to better concentration and understanding. Over time, this cumulative learning approach results in profound and lasting mastery of times tables, providing a solid foundation for advanced mathematical concepts. If you are able to find time during daily routines to orally practise times-tables this would really be beneficial.