



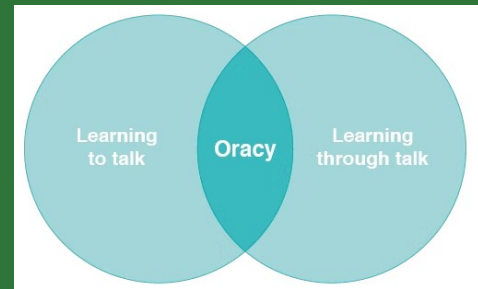
# LEECHPOOL CURRICULUM Newsletter



## Oracy

Oracy skills are crucial to children and young people's success in school and in their life beyond. It increases confidence empowering pupils with the belief that their voice has value, developing the ability to articulate thoughts so others will listen.

In the classroom context, oracy is both learning *to* and *through* talk. It is *through* talk that students have the opportunity to develop and share their understanding, through interactions with both teachers and peers. However, to do this effectively, pupils must also be taught *to* talk effectively, ensuring they have the necessary skills and understanding to engage in talk for learning.



The Venn diagram below shows the interrelationship between learning *to* and *through* talk.

The best oracy teaching and learning takes place at the centre of this Venn, when pupils have opportunities to develop their knowledge and understanding through talk, but when they are also taught the skills to do this effectively. At Leechpool, this is our core aim from Reception to Year 6.

## Apps Across the Curriculum

Children often need to demonstrate their thinking and understanding of content in ways that don't rely solely on written language and digital technology can enrich the learning experience in this way for all of the children at Leechpool. We know that our learners already have a strong exposure to digital technology and they are engaged in its widespread use as part of their own education. As well as enriching the learning experience, digital technology can also enhance teaching; we get children to use apps as 'creators' rather than 'consumers' and technology provides a powerful, flexible and engaging tool for our teachers to enhance what they already do.

We have gone through as a staff and mapped out which apps we use in certain areas of the curriculum; we are always aspiring to improve our use of these apps and increase the use in all subjects to give real purpose to our learners so that other internet 'consumers' may read or watch what they have created. Click on the picture below to open the document to view what apps we use across our curriculum — you can download these free apps and explore their use with your children at home.



Year 3 using practical resources in maths to help with their place value application

### Leechpool Apps in the Curriculum Whole School Overview

	FS/KS1						KS2						
Literacy	Puppet Pals	Figment AR	AR Portal	Pic Collage	Adobe Spark Page	Adobe Spark Video	Book Creator	Yo Puppet	Figment AR	AR Portal	Pic Collage	Adobe Spark Page	Adobe Spark Video
Maths		MyMaths.com					MyMaths.com						
Science	Thinglink	Leo AR Camera					Leo AR Camera	Cuisenaire Videos	Thinglink				
RE	Pic collage	Adobe Spark Video					Pic Collage	Adobe Spark Video					
PE	Seesaw						Seesaw						



Year 6 published work on Pop Art