Communication

HOW WE MAKE COMMUNICATION ACCESSIBLE FOR EVERYONE

MAKATON

We use Makaton signing as a whole school approach. The symbols are around the school to help with communication by giving a visual extra cue to what is being spoken. We also have Makaton ambassadors who lead the learning of new signs in their classroom.

LANGUAGE THROUGH COLOUR

Language through colour is a resource which uses a simple colour-coded system to help children to understand the meaning of words. This resource is widely used in many different lessons across our school and SRP.

CHOICE BOARD

Choice boards with functional sentence strips help give children freedom to make their own choices which increases intrinsic motivation and increases meaningful learning.

AUGMENTATIVE AND ALTERNATIVE COMMUNICATION (AAC)

Three types used at school.

- Communication Boards
- PECs books
- Digital (Proloquo2go)

COMMUNICATION BOARD

We use communication boards to help children express their wants and needs more effectively. Through the use of these boards those with limited language can communicate with others.

TASK COMMUNICATION BOARDS –

Pop-up pirate and playdough.

PECS®

The Picture Exchange Communication System® allows children with little or no communication abilities to communicate using pictures. Children are taught to exchange a picture of a desired item in exchange for that item. By doing so, the person is able to initiate communication by making request, sharing thoughts and make comments.

DIGITAL AAC DEVICE

Digital app that uses typing-style text-to-talk function that gives a voice to children to help them communicate. It is used to promote growth of communication skills and foster language development through a wide range of vocabularies.