

Useful information for parents of children who speak English as an additional language:

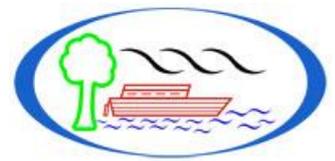
- Make your child feel as secure and happy as possible in his/her environment.
- Speak your home or mother tongue with your child. Use every occasion to develop and extend it naturally.
- Read regularly to your child in your home language. Also talk about the story in your mother tongue and explain anything that your child does not understand. If your child can read or write in his/her mother tongue before entering our school, continue to develop these skills at home.
- Your child will be able to regularly borrow books, audio books, from a local library. Look after them carefully. Some bilingual books are also available.
- Make sure your child goes to bed early enough on school days. Learning and speaking a new language is very tiring and it is important that children start the day fresh.
- Make contact with the parents of other children at school and encourage contact between the children after school. (This can be particularly language-enriching if their only common means of communication is English!).
- If you have any questions about your child's progress in English, do not hesitate to contact the class teacher. We are always willing to talk about your concerns.

Key Phrases:

These are the key phrases it would be beneficial to practice with your child before they start with us in Nursery:

- Put your coat on
- Do you need the toilet?
- Wash your hands
- Line up
- Sit down
- Carpet time
- Play time
- Outside time
- Snack time
- Story time
- Hello/Goodbye
- How are you?
- Lunch time
- Yes/No
- I am hungry
- I like...
- I do not like...

Model lots of talking as you play alongside the child: "I'm putting the hat on." "Here are the scissors" if possible.



How to help your child at school?

Read our news on Twitter:

<https://twitter.com/OFBrowPrimary>

Look at the school's website:

<https://www.oldfield-brow.com/>

Speaking different languages:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/speaking-languages/zn73f4j>

This link will take you to a BBC article about the benefits of speaking different languages at home!

Nursery Rhymes:

Nursery rhymes and songs are a great way to build language!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/nursery-rhyme-selector/zrfc3j6>

Games:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?q=listening%20games>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/eyfs-listening-skills-sound-games-1/zm72kmn>

<https://www.fluentu.com/blog/english/online-games-to-practice-english/>