

St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School

Spoken Language and Oracy Long Term Plan 2024-25

(adapted from the Together for Children plan)

Progression in the Four Strands of Oracy

Skill	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	Speak clearly	Speak clearly	Speak clearly	Deliberately	Deliberately	Deliberately	Speak fluently in
	with	and confidently	and confidently	selects gestures	select movement	varies tone of	front of an
	appropriate	in a range of	with appropriate	that support the	and gesture	voice in order to	audience.
	volume.	contexts.	volume and	delivery of ideas	when addressing	convey meaning	
			pace in a range	e.g. gesturing	an audience.	e.g. speaking	Have a stage
	Look at who is	Use appropriate	of contexts.	towards		authoritatively	presence.
	talking and who	tone of voice in		someone if	To use pauses	during an expert	
	you are talking	the right context	Gestures start to	referencing their	for effect in	talk, or speaking	Consciously
B	to.	e.g. To project	become	ideas.	presentational	with pathos when	adapt, tone,
Physical		their voice to a	increasingly		talk e.g. when	telling a sad	pace and volume
	Begin to use	large audience.	natural to	Deliberately	telling an	part of a story.	of voice
	gestures to		support speech	varies tone of	anecdote or		
	support delivery	Continue to use	e.g. gesturing	voice to convey	joke.	Project their	
	meaning e.g.	gesture to	towards	meaning e.g.		voice to a large	
	pointing at parts	support delivery	someone if	speaking	Use the	audience.	
	of a plant they	e.g. pointing at	referencing their	authoritatively	appropriate		
	are discussing	parts of a plant	idea.	during an expert	tone of voice in	Gestures	
		they are		talk.	the right context	become	
		discussing	Use body		e.g. speaking	increasingly	
			language to	Consider position	calmly when	natural.	
			show active	and posture	resolving an		
			listening and	when addressing	issue in the	Consciously	
			support meaning	an audience.	playground.	adapt tone,	
			when speaking			pace and	
			e.g. nodding			volume of voice	
			along, facial			within a single	
			expressions			context.	
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Skill	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Linguistic	Reception Use talk in play to practice new vocabulary e.g. lighter, heavier. Begin to speak in sentences joining phrases with words such as 'if, because, so, could, but'	Year 1 Speak in sentences using joining phrases to link ideas. Using vocabulary appropriately specific to the topic in hand e.g. lighter/heavier rather than bigger and smaller. Take opportunities to try out new language, even if it is not always correctly used. Use sentence stems to link to other's ideas in group discussion e.g. 'I agree with because' 'linking to' Use conjunctions to organise and sequence ideas e.g. firstly, secondly, finally	Speaking in sentences using joining phrases to create longer sentences. Adapt how to speak in different situations according to the audience e.g. asking questions of a museum curator or having a conversation with a visitor to the classroom. Use sentence stems to signal when they are building or challenging others' ideas in group'	Be able to use specialist language to describe their own and others' talk. Use specialist vocabulary e.g. speak like an archaeologist. Make precise language choices e.g. instead of describing a cake as 'ice' using 'delectable'	Year 4 Carefully consider the words and phrasing they use to express their ideas and how this supports the purpose of the talk e.g. to persuade or to entertain.	Vear 5 Use an increasingly sophisticated range of sentence stems with fluency and accuracy to cite evidence and ask probing questions. Consider the words and phrases used to express their ideas and how this supports the purpose of talk.	Year 6 Use and innovate an increasingly sophisticated range of sentence stems with fluency and accuracy. Vary sentence structures and length for effect when speaking. Be comfortable using idioms and expressions

Skill	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Skill	Reception Use 'because' to develop their ideas. Make relevant contributions that match what has	Year 1 Offer reasons for their opinions. Recognise when they haven't understood	Ask questions to find out more about a subject. Build on others' ideas in discussions.	Year 3 Offer opinions that aren't their own e.g. taking on the role of Begin to reflect on discussions	Year 4 Give supporting evidence e.g. citing a text (using sentence stems) a previous example or a historical event.	Year 5 Draw upon knowledge of the world to support their own point of view and explore	Year 6 Construct a detailed argument or complex narrative.
Cognitive	been asked. Ask simple questions. Describe events that have	something and ask a question. Disagree with someone else's opinion politely.	Make connections between what has been said and their own and others'	and their own oracy skills and identify areas of strength and areas to improve through the introduction of	Ask probing questions. Reflect on their own oracy skills and identify	different perspectives. To be able to give supporting evidence e.g. citing a text, a	respond to and offer increasingly complex questions, citing evidence where appropriate.
Cognitive	happened to them in detail.	Explain ideas and events in chronological order	experiences.	Talk Detectives. Reach shared agreement in discussions.	areas of strength and areas to improve and begin to set own targets.	previous example or a historical event Identify when a discussion is going off topic and be able to bring it back on track with support and use of sentence stems e.g. That might be true, however what do you think about?	Reflect on their own and others' oracy skills and identify how to improve.

Skill	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Social and Emotional	Look at someone who is speaking to them. Wait for a turn. Taking turns to speak, when working in a group	Listen and respond appropriately to others. Be willing to change their mind based on what they have heard. Begin to organise group discussions independently of an adult.	Start to develop an awareness of audience e.g. what might interest a certain group. Start to show awareness of others who have not spoken and invite them into the discussion e.g. saying their name, asking them a question, turning to them. Recite/deliver short prepared material to an audience.	Speak with confidence in front of an audience. Begin to recognise different roles within group talk e.g. chairperson. Adapt the content of their speech for a specific audience.	Use more natural and subtle prompts for turn taking. Start to develop empathy with an audience. Consider the impact of their words on others when giving feedback.	Listen for extended periods of time including note-taking, drawing visual. Adapt the content of their speech for a specific audience e.g. use of humour. Speak with flair and passion.	Use humour effectively. Begin to be able to read a room or a group and take action accordingly e.g. if everyone looks disengaged, moving on or changing topic, or if people look confused stopping to take questions.

Please note that the progression statements have been adapted from Voice 21 Oracy Progression Map

Oracy Curriculum Overview

National Curriculum Spoken Language Aims and Objectives (Year 1 -6)

Pupils should be taught to:

- listen and respond appropriately to adults and their peers
- ask relevant questions to extend their understanding and knowledge
- use relevant strategies to build their vocabulary
- articulate and justify answers, arguments and opinions
- give well-structured descriptions, explanations and narratives for different purposes, including for expressing feelings
- maintain attention and participate actively in collaborative conversations, staying on topic and initiating and responding to comments
- use spoken language to develop understanding through speculating, hypothesising, imagining and exploring ideas
- speak audibly and fluently with an increasing command of Standard English
- participate in discussions, presentations, performances, role play, improvisations and debates
- gain, maintain and monitor the interest of the listener(s)
- consider and evaluate different viewpoints, attending to and building on the contributions of others
- select and use appropriate registers for effective communication.

Keynote from National Curriculum for Year 1 Teachers: Teachers should ensure that their teaching develops pupils' oral vocabulary as well as their ability to understand and use a variety of grammatical structures, giving particular support to pupils whose oral language.

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Autumn	Spring	Summer
Linguistic Oracy:	Cognitive Oracy:	Social & Emotional Oracy:
	Offer reasons for their opinions	Begin to organise group discussions
Speak in sentences using joining phrases to	Disagree with someone else's opinion	independently of an adult
link ideas.	politely	
Using vocabulary appropriately specific to		Physical Oracy:
the topic	Social & Emotional Oracy:	
 Take opportunities to try out new language, 	Be willing to change their mind based on	Speak clearly and confidently in a range of
even if it is not always correctly used.	what they have heard	contexts.
• Use sentence stems to link to other's ideas in		 Use appropriate tone of voice in the right
group discussion		context e.g. To project their voice to a large
		audience.
Physical Oracy:		
Continue to use gesture to support delivery		
e.g. pointing at parts of a plant they are		
discussing.		
Cognitive Oracy:		
Recognise when they haven't understood		
something and ask a question		
Explain ideas and events in chronological		
order		
Social & Emotional Oracy:		
• Listen and respond appropriately to others		

Keynote from National Curriculum for Year 2 Teachers: The sooner that pupils can read well and do so frequently, the sooner they will be able to increase their vocabulary, comprehension and their knowledge across the wider curriculum.

Autumn	Spring	Summer
Social & Emotional Oracy:	Cognitive Oracy:	Social & Emotional Oracy:
Recite/deliver short preprepared material to an audience Cognitive Oracy:	 Build on others' ideas in discussions Make connections between what has been said and their own and others' experiences 	Start to develop an awareness of audience e.g. what might interest a certain group Start to show awareness of others who have
Ask questions to find out more about a	Physical Oracy:	not spoken and invite them into the discussion e.g. saying their name, asking them a question, turning to them
subject	Speak clearly and confidently with appropriate volume and pace in a range of contexts.	Linguistic Oracy:
Physical Oracy:	Gestures start to become increasingly	Adapt how to speak in different situations according to the audience.
 Use body language to show active listening and support meaning when speaking e.g. nodding along, facial expressions. 	natural to support speech e.g. gesturing towards someone if referencing their idea.	Use sentence stems to signal when they are building or challenging others' ideas in groups.
Linguistic Oracy:		
Speaking in sentences using joining phrases to create longer sentences. Through		

encouragement to use conjunctions and sentence stems in speech and writing.	

Keynote from National Curriculum for Year 3 Teachers: In years 3 and 4, pupils should become more familiar with and confident in using language in a greater variety of situations, for a variety of audiences and purposes, including through drama, formal presentations and debate.

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Linguistic Oracy:	Spring Cognitive Oracy:	Physical Oracy:
 Be able to use specialist language to describe their own and others' talk. Use specialist vocabulary e.g. speak like an archaeologist. Make precise language choices e.g. instead of describing a cake as 'nice' using 'delectable'. 	 Offer opinions that aren't their own e.g. taking on the role of Begin to reflect on discussions and their own oracy skills and identify areas of strength and areas to improve through the introduction of Talk Detectives 	 Deliberately selects gestures that support the delivery of ideas e.g. gesturing towards someone if referencing their ideas. Deliberately varies tone of voice in order to convey meaning e.g. speaking authoritatively during an expert talk.
Social & Emotional Oracy: • Speak with confidence in front of an	Reach shared agreement in discussions	Social & Emotional Oracy:
audience	Social & Emotional Oracy:	 Begin to recognise different roles within group talk e.g. chairperson
Physical Oracy:Consider position and posture when addressing an audience.	Begin to recognise different roles within group talk e.g. chairperson	Adapt the content of their speech for a specific audience

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specific audience	

Keynote from National Curriculum for Year 4 Teachers: In years 3 and 4, pupils should become more familiar with and confident in using language in a greater variety of situations, for a variety of audiences and purposes, including through drama, formal presentations and debate.

Autumn	Spring	Summer
Social & Emotional Oracy:	Physical Oracy:	Physical Oracy:
 Use more natural and subtle prompts for turn taking Start to develop empathy with an audience Consider the impact of their words on others when giving feedback 	 Deliberately select movement and gesture when addressing an audience. Use the appropriate tone of voice in the right context. Cognitive Oracy:	 To use pauses for effect in presentational talk e.g. when telling an anecdote or joke. Cognitive Oracy: Ask probing questions
Linguistic Oracy: • Carefully consider the words and phrasing they use to express their ideas and how this supports the purpose of the talk e.g. to persuade or to entertain	 Give supporting evidence e.g. citing a text (using sentence stems) a previous example or a historical event 	 Reflect on their own oracy skills and identify areas of strength and areas to improve and begin to set own targets

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Autumn	Spring	Summer
Physical Oracy:	Cognitive Oracy:	Social & Emotional Oracy:
 Deliberately varies tone of voice in order to convey meaning e.g. speaking authoritatively during an expert talk, or speaking with pathos when telling a sad part of a story. Project their voice to a large audience. Gestures become increasingly natural. Linguistic Oracy: Use an increasingly sophisticated range of sentence stems with fluency and accuracy to cite evidence and ask probing questions. Social & Emotional Oracy: Speak with flair and passion 	 To be able to give supporting evidence e.g. citing a text, a previous example or a historical event Identify when a discussion is going off topic and be able to bring it back on track with support and use of sentence stems e.g. That might be true, however what do you think about? Linguistic Oracy: Consider the words and phrases used to express their ideas and how this supports the purpose of talk. 	 Listen for extended periods of time including notetaking, drawing visual Adapt the content of their speech for a specific audience e.g. use of humour Cognitive Oracy Draw upon knowledge of the world to support their own point of view and explore different perspectives

Keynote from National Curriculum for Year 6 Teachers: During years 5 and 6, teachers should continue to emphasise pupils' enjoyment and understanding of language, especially vocabulary, to support their reading and writing.

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Autumn	Spring	Summer			
Physical Oracy:	Social & Emotional Oracy:	Social & Emotional Oracy:			
Speak fluently in front of an audience.Have a stage presence.	Use humour effectively	Begin to be able to read a room or a group and take action accordingly			
 Consciously adapt, tone, pace and volume of voice. 	Cognitive Oracy:	e.g. if everyone looks disengaged, moving on or changing topic, or if			
Linguistic Oracy:	 Construct a detailed argument or complex narrative 	people look confused stopping to take questions			
 Use and innovate an increasingly sophisticated range of sentence stems with fluency and accuracy. 	 Spontaneously respond to and offer increasingly complex questions, citing evidence where appropriate 	Cognitive Oracy:			
	Linguistic Oracy:	 Reflect on their own and others' oracy skills and identify how to improve. 			
	 Vary sentence structures and length for effect when speaking. 	Linguistic Oracy:			
	Tor effect when speaking.	Be comfortable using idioms and expressions.			

Progression in Language Structures EYFS and KS 1

Language Structure	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Language of	It is the same because It looks the same	They are the same	They are the same because
comparison,	because	because	They are similar because
comparing and	It feels the same because	They are different becauseisandis	They are different becauseisandis
contrasting	It tastes the same because	They are alike because	They are alike because they are both
	It sounds the same because	they are both	It feels different because this oneand that
	It is different / They are different		one
	because It is not the same.		
	This is		
	and that is		
Language of	It willbecause	I think that	Say how the characters feel and explain why.
deduction,	think I will	I think thatbecause	I think thatbecause
making an	I thinkbecause It isbecauseIt	It isbecause	This happenedbecause
assumption based	hasbecause	happened because	I know this
on prior knowledge	Why do you think this is a?	What do you think happened?	What do you think happened?
	What can you see?		How do you know that?
	Why didhappen?		
The language of	It is big / small (size) It is (shape name) It	It isand	It / This isand
description &	is a (shape name) It is soft / hard or hot /	Theisand	This hasand
describing	cold (texture / properties) It feels like	They arebecause	Theisand
	It looks like	It is a (adjective) / (noun)	They areand
	It tastes likebecause	has	I feelbecause
	It sounds like	have	This is a big, round, red, beach ball
	It smells like		
	It is the same becauseIt is different		
	because		
The language of	He / She didn't share / take turns I want	Yes because	No because
argument	to	No because	Yes because
Agreement and	l like	I like Because	l agree / disagree because
disagreement	l don't like	And I don't like	I think because and also because
		Becauseand	HoweverAlso

	\\\/\lands\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	I assume with the second	
	I think	l agree withbecause	
	think	It is right	
	I don't think Why do you think this?	It is wrong	
	lt is		
	lt's not		
	Yes because		
	No because		
	l like		
	I don't like		
Language of	I made this train. "I like the way the wheels	I foundhard/easy because	I think my /book isbecause Next
evaluation	rotate" I've done this picture. "I can see	I like / dislike because	time I could
Evaluative Talk	you have put lots of detail in there,	I feel thatnext time.	I foundhard/easy because
	flowers, people, trees"	I could	l like / dislikebecause
	I like this because	In my opinionbecause	It was interesting because
	I made this		I like this because
	I did this		I like the part wherebecause What I found
	I've done this		hard about this work was
			I found this piece of work hard/easy because
Language of	How do you know	I thinkbecauseand I don't	I think thisbecause
Hypothesis	e.g. 'The porridge is hot'?	thinkbecauseand	I know this, so I think
	It isbecause	will happen because	This will happen because
	I thinkbecause		
	It willbecause		
	Theisbecause What do you		
	think? What will happen if?		
Language of	It is	Ibecause	Ibecause
Explanation	You put	When Ibecause	When Ibecause
Explaining	I/He/She	After IHow ? Why? Where? When? Sometimes	After I
	It isbecause	incorporating sequence language structures.	Thebecause
	This is		We/Theybecause
	This isbecause Theis		HowWhyWhereWhen
	They are/were When		
The language of	First I	My partner said	My partner said
retelling	First we	Retelling stories – Once upon a time One	First, Next, Then, After that, Finally At last
	Then	day	Suddenly
	After	Long ago 'What happened next?'	'What happened next?'
	And then		'What did?'

Language of	What did you do first? Then what happened? Nexthappened. Thenhappenedhappened last. Nextandhappened. At the endhappenedhappened in the beginning happened in the middlehappened in the end I think it will	I think	same
Prediction	'What do you think will happen?' It will Thewill Theis going to This willbecause What do you think will happen next? What will happen if	I thinkbecause(prior knowledge) I predictwill happen. They are the same because (comparing)	similardifferent I thinkbecause I predict that because I think they will be alike because they are both
Language of sequencing	First Next Then After thatand then happened first. Nexthappened. Thenhappened last. It isbecauselt is	First I will Next I would Then I After that I Finally I	First (First put the hat on) Next After that Finally Last of all

Progression in Language Structures KS 2

Language Structure	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Language of comparison, comparing and contrasting	andare bothandare alike in thatandare similar becauseandare different in thatisbutisisbutis	alike in thatandare similar becauseandhave the following points in common:One similarity betweenandis thatAnother isA furtherOne difference isA further difference	In some waysandare alike. For instance they both Another feature they have in common is that Furthermore they are both However they also differ in some ways. For examplewhile Another difference is	In some waysandare alike. For instance they both Another feature they have in common is that Furthermore they are both However they also differ in some ways. For examplewhile Another difference is thatwhereas Finalbut The similarities/differences seem more significant that the similarities/differences because
Language of deduction, making an assumption based on prior knowledge	I conclude thatbecause I found thatbecause As a result of I conclude that After looking at the data/information/results I conclude that On observing I found that	In conclusion, I would say that due to the fact that My results make me think that because	The fact is	The facts lead to
The language of description & describing	It looks/feels/sounds/smells like	It looks / tastes / feels / sounds / smells like It appears to bebecause	It looks / tastes / feels / sounds / smells like	In comparison to

	It appears to bebecause It seems to beas I think it looks likedue to It reminds me ofbecause / therefore / meanwhile Why? How/? What? Tell Me About	It seems to be likebecause I think it looks likebecause It reminds me ofbecause Why? How? What? Tell Me About	It appears to bebecause It seems to be likebecause I think it looks likebecause It reminds me ofbecause Why? How? What? Tell Me About	Idioms e.g. Peas in a pod Develop / Introduce metaphors and similes.
The language of argument Agreement and disagreement	An argument for is	An argument foris because and An argument against Isbecause I understand Thatdepending on the content but would argue I understand your point of view, however I disagree because	In my opinion Should be banned. I have two main reasons for believing this. First of all, as I'm sure you'll agree My second important reason for wanting to ban is that Perhaps some people would argue that However, I would point out that It is clear that a ban onwould be a great step forward!	On the one hand But Convince me that I am convinced Given that
Language of evaluation Evaluative Talk	I found this workbecause Next time I could/would / I feel that I enjoyed it because was successful / ambitious because You could improve this work by	enjoyedbecauseYou could improve this work byMaybe you could tryNext time I / you could / would	My view is thatbecauseThis is supported by the fact that In my opinion furthermore However Possible improvements may include	My view is that
Language of Hypothesis	Because I know that I know that Due to this I know that	Because I know that ice melts, I know that Maybe it's because Due to the fact thatI know thatwill happen	It is true that	Based on the evidence I have been presented with, I can conclude Taking everything into account Having analysed

Language of Explanation Explaining	How	HowWhyWhere When WhatAfter Then / As a result of / Later / Meanwhile / Furthermore / Eventually / In contrast to / Because	I would like to prove / disprove Perhaps the reason is Because of x happened. For example In conclusion To begin with As a result of The reason(s) for	Having pondered If we accept this hypothesis, what else will be true? Given this, it is likely that Due tox has / isln summary Owing tox has / is This has altered Evidently
The language of retelling	Once upon a time Once there was As a result of I remember that Then this happened Later on Eventually Unfortunately Luckily During In the end To conclude / In conclusion	In the beginning Subsequently On the other side of the forest Back at home I remember that With hindsight Reflecting upon In the event thatLastly In the end To conclude / In conclusion / To sum up	First, Next, Then, After that, Finally 'What happened next?' 'What did?'	First, Next, Then, After that, Finally 'What happened next?' 'What did?' In summary The consequence of
Language of Prediction	I predict thatbecausehowever/ meanwhile/therefore/also I predict thatafteras a result ofThis is probable becauseandare different in thattherefore as a resultAfter	I predict thatbecausehowever Due to the fact that(extension of because) As a result ofthis will happen becauseAll events lead on tobecause Becauseandare similar, I predict thatwill happen. The outcome will bedue toBased onI predict thatAfter hearing all the evidence, I think thatwill happen	I predict that	In light ofI predict There is a high / low probability The chances of/The likelihood of/ Due to the fact that/Upon consideration of the relevant factor

	I predict that			
Language of	Firstbecause	Firstlybecause/however/	Meanwhile	Whilst X was Y
sequencing	Nexthowever	therefore/after a while/meanwhile/ in	Following this / that	wasDuring X — Y
	Thentherefore	addition	In the beginning	happened. Initially the
	Finally/Eventually/Lastly	Next		were However
	because	Then		
		Finally/Eventually/Lastly In		
		conclusion		