



George Street Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the next few years we will be having a concerted effort on developing children's oracy skills. 'Oracy education' is a relatively new term and means learning to speak, listen and communicate, and also to learn through speaking, listening and communicating. Put simply, it is learning to talk and learning through talk. These skills are important for many reasons. They help improve school outcomes, including reading, writing and maths. Looking forward, oracy can also boost confidence and help young people find and succeed in work.

This year, we are happy to be working with Voice 21, the national oracy charity. As the year unfolds we will keep you posted on this school development area.

As always, we are keen to include our parent body in this movement. From the first week back, after the break, we will be introducing '**sticky questions**' with all children from Rec-Y6 (nursery will follow). These are fun, non- level types of questions that each child will wear as a sticker, distributed on a Friday, so you as a family can have as much engagement with this as you wish over the weekend. We modelled this to the pupils last week: all staff wore a question on Friday and then on Monday, in assembly, the pupils had the chance to listen to us share who we had spoken to about the questions and what people had to say. The children seemed really interested and got involved.

We would welcome your feedback on how the questions are landing, once we get going.

Kind regards,

Angela Hughes
Headteacher

