

**Characteristics of a Communicator:**

- An exceptional talent for listening attentively so as to understand what is being said.
- A rich and varied vocabulary that gives clarity and interest to conversations.
- Clear speech that can be easily understood by a range of audiences.
- An excellent grasp of the rules used in English conversation, such as tenses and the grammatical structure of sentences.
- A highly developed ability to tell stories that capture the interest and imagination of the audience.
- A delight in initiating and joining in conversations.
- Respect for others when communicating, even when views differ.

<u>Milestones</u>			
Milestone 1: By the end of Year 2		Milestone 2 By the end of Year 4	Milestone 3 By the end of Year 6
<b>To listen carefully and understand</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Sift information and focus on the important points.</li> <li>▪ Seek clarification when a message is not clear.</li> <li>▪ Understand instructions with more than one point.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Engage in discussions, making relevant points.</li> <li>▪ Ask for specific additional information to clarify.</li> <li>▪ Understand the meaning of some phrases beyond the literal interpretation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Understand how to answer questions that require more than a yes/no or single sentence response.</li> <li>▪ Recognise and explain some idioms.</li> <li>▪ Understand irony (when it is obvious).</li> </ul>
<b>To develop a wide and interesting vocabulary</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Use subject specific vocabulary to explain and describe.</li> <li>▪ Suggest words or phrases appropriate to the topic being discussed.</li> <li>▪ Identify homophones.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Use time, size and other measurements to quantify.</li> <li>▪ Use interesting adjectives, adverbial phrases and extended noun phrases in discussion.</li> <li>▪ Use vocabulary that is appropriate to the topic being discussed or the audience that is listening.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Use adventurous and sophisticated vocabulary.</li> <li>▪ Explain the meaning of words, offering alternatives.</li> <li>▪ Use a wide range of phrases that include determiners, modifiers and other techniques to add extra interest and clarity.</li> </ul>

### To speak with clarity

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Speak in a way that is clear and easy to understand.</li><li>▪ Demonstrate good phonic knowledge by clearly pronouncing the sounds within words.</li><li>▪ Identify syllables within words.</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Use verbs with irregular endings.</li><li>▪ Use a mixture of sentence lengths to add interest to discussions and explanations.</li><li>▪ Use intonation to emphasise grammar and punctuation when reading aloud.</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Vary the length and structure of sentences.</li><li>▪ Ask questions and make suggestions to take an active part in discussions.</li><li>▪ Comment on the grammatical structure of a range of spoken and written accounts.</li></ul>
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### To tell stories with structure

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Ensure stories have a setting, plot and a sequence of events.</li><li>▪ Recount experiences with interesting detail.</li><li>▪ Predict events in a story.</li><li>▪ Give just enough detail to keep the audience engaged.</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Bring stories to life with expression and intonation.</li><li>▪ Read the audience to know when to add detail and when to leave it out.</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Narrate detailed and exciting stories.</li><li>▪ Use the conventions and structure appropriate to the type of story being told.</li><li>▪ Interweave action, character descriptions, settings and dialogue.</li></ul>
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### To hold conversations and debates

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Take turns to talk, listening carefully to the contributions of others.</li><li>▪ Vary language between formal and informal according to the situation.</li><li>▪ Add humour to a discussion or debate where appropriate.</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Make relevant comments or ask questions in a discussion or a debate.</li><li>▪ Seek clarification by actively seeking to understand others' points of view.</li><li>▪ Respectfully challenge opinions or points, offering an alternative.</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Negotiate and compromise by offering alternatives.</li><li>▪ Debate, using relevant details to support points.</li><li>▪ Offer alternative explanations when others don't understand.</li></ul>
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