

Newsletter Autumn 2024

What is ELSEC?

ELSEC is a pilot programme exploring different ways of promoting Speech Language and Communication in Early Years and Key stage 1.

The focus is on coproduction—joined up working between Health, Education and Parents.



ELSEC are using **Talk Boost** to support children who have delayed language development who would not usually qualify for specialist help.

ELSEC updates

- We have completed talk Boost trackers for whole cohorts of children in EYFS and Year 1 in the 16 pilot schools.
- Communication Audits are well underway in the pilot schools.

On average, children make five months' progress after a 10 week TB

Did you know?

children who struggle to talk and understand words, are:

- ⇒ six times more likely to be behind in English at age 11
- ⇒ eleven times more likely to be behind in maths at age 11
- ⇒ have more mental health problems
- ⇒ twice as likely to be unemployed

Useful links:

[The SEND local offer | Shropshire Council](#)

SEND Local Offer in Telford - www.telfordsend.org.uk

[Home - Speech and Language UK: Changing young lives](#)

Top Tip!

Use props e.g. storyboards and symbols which have visual prompts for different steps of an activity (e.g. making a sandwich) or story (e.g. who, where, what happened).



Spotlight on Storytelling

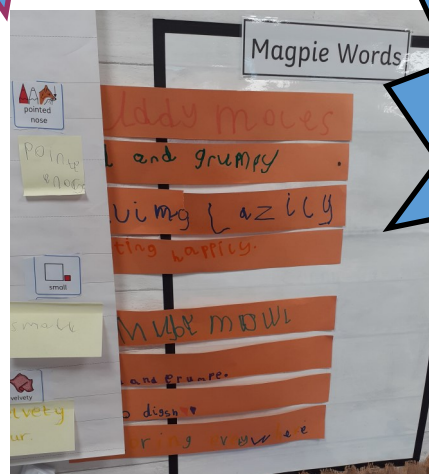
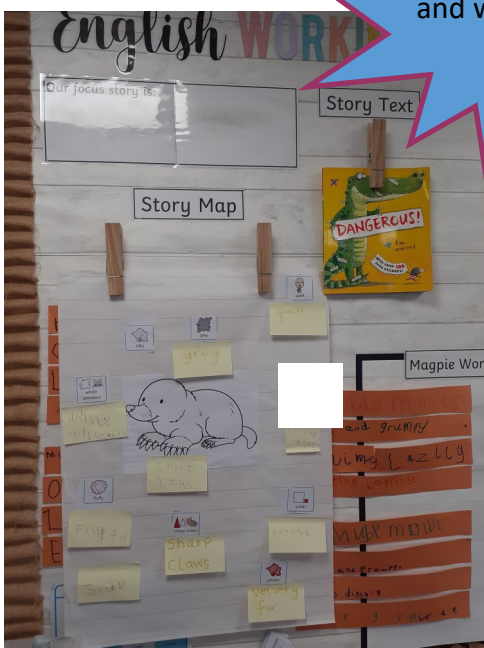
Wilfred Owen Nursery use props and widget symbols to support story time.

Did you know?

Using visuals, such as who/what/when/where narrative frameworks, provide a structured format for pupils to organise their thoughts.



Ludlow use props and word maps!



Pretend play is an important precursor for story telling

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