

# THE VALUE OF TALK

Many activities encourage children to talk through their ideas and experiences, weigh up different points of view and explore issues. These kinds of approaches have an immense impact on children's learning.

## ***What are your priorities?***

*respond to children's enthusiasm and motivation*

*allow children to take more responsibility for their own learning*

*offer a way of exploring attitudes*

*enable teachers to cater for children of all abilities and strengths by creating different sorts of groups and partnerships*

*offer an exciting way to learn*

*build on the skills and attitudes we use in circle time*

*give children a chance to learn from others*

*help children to discuss issues and different points of view*

*value children's own experience and ideas*

*encourage children to respect what other say*

*build children's self confidence by giving them a chance to test out their ideas*

*help children build speaking and listening skills*

*can free up the teacher for closer involvement with one group for assessing their skills*

*encourage a dynamic and active process*

*encourage effective talk*

*give children a chance to explore unfamiliar ideas and to get to grips with new information and ideas*

*encourages creativity, problem solving and imagination*