**Developing oral Language with your child** : **Tips for Parents/ Guardians**

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| **Infants- 1st class** | **2nd and 4th class** | **5th and 6th class** |
| * Listen to what your child is saying/ trying to say and respond to contributions
* Make and maintain eye contact while talking with your child
* Explain the meaning of words
* Talk through activities
* Talk through everyday experiences
* Involve your child in discussions/ plans
* Ask/ answer questions
* Teach your child nursery rhymes/ songs/ poems/ raps
* Develop your child’s receptive language by asking him/her to follow simple instructions
* Assist your child to express ideas in an orderly fluent way
* Read to your child each night
 | * Set aside 10-15 minutes to discuss the day’s happenings
* Encourage your child to express and justify opinions
* Involve your child in adult conversations when appropriate
* Talk about the child’s favourite T.V programme

Play language games which focus on words i.e. Scrabble, crosswords* Encourage your child to talk about experiences with a range of people; peers, relations, other adults
* Listen carefully and clarify meaning ‘Do you mean/ or is this what you mean?’
* Encourage your child to give reasons for decisions
* Encourage your child to listen courteously to the opinion of others
* Talk about school topics and assignments
 | * Encourage your child to develop a positive attitude to speaking/ listening
* Discuss your child’s school work successes/  concerns/ interests
* Respect your child’s opinions and feelings
* Involve your child in adult conversations, when appropriate
* Help your child to extend his range of words in specialised subjects
* Encourage your child to listen and respond courteously to others
* Watch and discuss TT.V news/ current affairs programmes together
* Assist your child to locate information in local library, internet
* Talk about school topics and assignments
* Play commercial games that focus on word building
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