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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 4 English Speaking Board - Entry Level Award in Speech (Entry 2)

We are excited to share the news that entry for the English Speaking Board (ESB) Entry Level Award in Speech (Entry 2) has been booked for the children in Year 4 on 1st May 2024.

Your child will be entered for the Entry Level Award in Speech (Entry 2) assessment which builds confidence in speaking, reading and listening for Year 4 children. The qualification recognises that every child is unique, constantly learning and can be resilient, capable, confident and self-assured. The session is taken in groups of six children accompanied by the class teacher.

There are 4 sections to the session and the session lasts approximately 10 minutes in total:

Section 1: Talk – Show and Explain

Children talk about an object, model, picture or piece of equipment explaining its importance. For example, they may talk about something they have seen, made or assembled; a collection they are developing or the kit or equipment for a sport or game that they play.

They should support their talk by using a relevant visual aid. **Please support your child by helping them to choose their topic and practice this at home.**

Section 2: Speaking by Heart

Children begin by saying the title of their chosen poem, the poet's name and a detailed reason for their choice. They will then recite their poem to the group and the assessor, sharing the content enthusiastically.

Section 3: Reading Aloud

Children should prepare 4-5 pages (containing dialogue) of a book, from which the assessor will choose an extract to be read aloud. Children must also introduce the book, stating which character they would like to talk to.

Section 4: Listening and Responding

Children answer questions from the group and the assessor after any section. They will also participate in a group discussion, joining in with comments and questions.

We are really happy to be offering this opportunity to your children who have all already grown so much in confidence in terms of their speaking and listening skills. The main feedback on all assessments last year, to assist children to get to the next mark level, was to look up at the audience more regularly whilst reading. Please help support your child by encouraging this during practice at home.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mrs Rathbone.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Catalano
English Lead

