

**St Mark’s Primary School**



We are committed to raising standards in literacy for all of our children. Literacy is a subject which underpins all learning and our teachers foster literacy skills whenever they encourage children to listen, talk, read or write.

When children learn their own or another language, they begin by listening, then talking and then extending what they have learned in reading or writing.

We are very keen to promote the vital skills of listening and talking in their own right and also to develop a confidence in spoken language that will extend, in due course, to writing.

Children are taught the discreet skills of listening and talking. Inside this leaflet you will find build on statements to support your child with listening and talking activities.

**The ABCS of**

**Listening and Talking**

**Supporting Your Child with Group Discussion**

*In St Mark’s Primary we value love, faith and understanding*

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| **AA** | **BB** | **C** | **S** |
| **Agree**  I agree with …because…  I think that too because…  My view is the same because…  **Add details**  For example / for instance…  Because…  My reasons are…  This is due to…  What I mean by this is…  My evidence for this is… | **Begin**  Let’s talk about…  What do you think about..?  How can we..?  We need to decide…  To begin with…  Why don’t we start by…?  I wonder…  **Build on**  Good point. I also think…  I’d like to add to that by saying…  Just to build on …’s point  I would like to build on what… said. | **Challenge**  I disagree because…  I see what you mean but…  I'm not sure I agree because…  I see your point but it’s also true that…  I respect your opinion but I think…  **Clarify**  Do you mean..?  In other words, are you saying that…?  So what you are saying is..?  Can you explain that again, please? | **Share ideas and opinions**  I think…because…  In my opinion…  I feel that . . .  For me, the most important / best/ worst…  **Summarise**  To summarise, I think…  So what we’ve decided is…  I think the main ideas are…  Do you agree that the main points are…? |