



# St. Maria Goretti Primary

## Literacy for All

### Listening & Talking



#### Glasgow Improvement Challenge and Literacy for All

This is our 3rd year using Literacy for All to improve reading, writing and listening and talking within our school as part of the Glasgow Improvement Challenge.

This year we are focusing on **Listening and Talking.**

#### What are we doing at St Maria Goretti?

In school we will be paying particular attention to developing the children's strategies and skills in delivering short talks, group talks and discussion and debate. We are also working to raise attainment by improving vocabulary throughout the school.

#### Building Vocabulary

The children will be given 5 new words every week. There will be particular emphasis on teaching these words using exciting strategies and activities and using the words through talking, discussion and play throughout the week.

#### Where can I find the new words?

Every week you will be able to find the the new words on SeeSaw posted by the class teacher and through this newsletter which will be sent to you by email.

#### P1

- saint
- appeared
- disciple
- country
- celebrated

#### P2/1

- saint
- appeared
- disciple
- country
- celebrated

#### P2

- planet
- alien
- astronaut
- rocket
- meteor

#### P3

- furious
- umbrella
- blooming
- refused
- shouted

#### P4

- diorama
- artic
- leeberg
- melting
- ozone

#### P5

- mathematician
- engineer
- aeronautics
- oppression
- inequality

#### P6a

- motion
- abstain
- petition
- mandatory
- inquiry

#### P6b

- adjacent
- drastic
- oblivious
- elaborate
- peculiar

#### P7

- choice
- accountability
- initiative
- employment
- skills

#### What can you do to support raising attainment in vocabulary.

You can support your children by helping them to really learn these words. You could ask them what their new words are, drop the words into conversation on a regular basis to see if they can be spotted. Encourage your children to use the words everyday. You could ask them to show you how they learned their weekly words at school or get them to draw or act them out.

#### Celebrate Vocabulary at St Maria Goretti by dressing as a word.

We are inviting all pupils to take part in our Vocabulary day on **Friday 4th of December** by "**Dressing as a Word**" this can be as simple or as sophisticated as you wish. Think of a word ( nouns and adjectives are easiest) that you can dress as e.g. you might dress as a pirate, a tiger or a clown and choose an ambitious or a simple word to go with you costume e.g. ferocious or hilarious or you could dress in very bright colours and come as fluorescent.

**Don't forget to make a sign with your word.** If you're are stuck for ideas, think of your costume first and choose a matching word. Search 'vocabulary parade' online for ideas.

#### What activities and strategies can I use to support learning new vocabulary ?

You could clap out the syllables (the children are very good at this)  
Shout the word  
Whisper the word  
Sing the word  
Shout the letters of the word out  
Make an action to describe the word  
Play charades with the words  
Visualise the action  
Draw pictures of the words  
Make a song or a rap.

Let us know what you are doing with your words by posting or sharing with your teacher in class, on SeeSaw or on twitter @St\_MariaGoretti

