



## Oracy at Greenside

At Greenside, we believe that oracy, the ability to speak and listen effectively, is just as important as reading and writing. When children are confident communicators, they are better equipped to learn, collaborate, and express themselves in every area of life.

## Why Oracy Matters

Our vision is for every child to leave Greenside as a confident speaker, active listener, and respectful participant in discussion. Oracy helps children to:

- Express ideas clearly and confidently
- Listen attentively and respond thoughtfully
- Build vocabulary and deepen understanding
- Work effectively with others
- Develop independence and self-belief

We view oracy as a vital skill for academic success, personal development, and future life beyond school.

## How We Teach Oracy

We embed oracy across the curriculum and throughout daily school life:

- **Talk Partners:** In every class, children regularly work with a partner to share ideas, explain their thinking, and develop respectful turn-taking. This practice helps all children, including quieter voices, to contribute confidently and frequently.
- **Structured Talk:** Teachers use sentence stems, talk frames, and discussion routines to support high-quality talk. This scaffolding helps pupils to articulate their thoughts clearly and listen to others effectively.
- **Cross-Curricular Focus:** Oracy is not limited to English. Children use talk to reason in maths, debate in history, present in science, and collaborate in creative subjects. We build subject-specific vocabulary and confidence through structured discussion.
- **Inclusive Approach:** We pay close attention to equity in classroom talk. All pupils are supported to have a voice, with particular care taken to include those who may need additional encouragement or scaffolding to participate.
- **Teacher Development:** Our staff are trained in oracy and supported to develop consistent, high-impact approaches to speaking and listening across the school.



## **Impact**

Oracy supports our children to:

- **Learn more deeply** by talking through their ideas and clarifying understanding
- **Engage more confidently** in group tasks, performances, and presentations
- **Work more collaboratively** with their peers, developing empathy and respect
- **Write more effectively**, as talking helps them organise and develop their ideas before writing
- **Build independence** as learners who can reason, reflect, and communicate clearly

Oracy is woven into the culture of our school because we believe that when children can talk well, they can learn well and lead well.