

All about BOOST words

What are BOOST words and where do they come from?

BOOST words are good words for helping your child with their talking, listening and later with their reading and writing. They are more 'grown up' words and we choose them from children's story books. We want your child to learn words like **enormous** and **tiny** so that they can use these as well as words like **big** and **small**.

How do we teach the words at school and nursery?

First we read the children a story that they enjoy. The words we want to teach them are in that story and we teach your child 4-5 words every week.

We talk about what the words **mean**, what they sound like and **how you use** them in all sorts of ways. We use the words **lots of times** because that is how children learn them. We **go back over** the words from time to time because this helps your child to remember them. Older children try to read and write them too.

Who is learning BOOST words?

All the children in the school from nursery to P7.

Why are we teaching your child BOOST words?

BOOST words help your child to explain their ideas and thoughts better when they are talking. When they learn to read, BOOST words will also help them to understand what they are reading. Your child can use them in their writing to make their stories better too. We want all children to have the chance to succeed at school and learning good words is one way to do this.

How to help us at home

At home you can help your child learn their BOOST words. Here's some ways to do that!

- Have a good look at the postcards we send home and try to remember the words. Some parents find it helps to stick the postcard on the fridge.
- Ask your child about what the words mean and tell them if they don't know.
- Tell other people in the family what the words are so that they can use them to your child too. Gran, Dad, Auntie, Uncle and friends can all help!
- Try to use the words as much as you can when you are talking or playing and when you are out and about in the street and at the shops.**
- Read stories to your child and see if you can spot the words in other books.

Thank you for helping us