

Talk Boost

Talk Boost is a structured and robustly evidenced programme that can boost a child's communication by an average of 18 months after 10 weeks of intervention. Language delay can significantly impact children's attainment. Many of these children have the potential to catch up but only if they receive timely intervention. Some schools tell ICAN this programme could help more than half their learners.

What is Talk Boost?

Talk Boost is a targeted and evidenced based intervention, which supports language delayed children in KS1 to make significant progress with their language and communication skills. Talk Boost builds the quality of teaching by providing classroom staff with practical activities that children enjoy.



For the first time ever, Ofsted will be evaluating standards in communication and focusing on how schools narrow the gap between children with the lowest and highest attainment. Talk Boost will help schools meet these standards.

Why use Talk Boost?

There are a range of benefits to using this approach, including (but not limited to):

- supporting the language skills that lead to phonics;
- improving language and communication;
- improving confidence and skills in listening, vocabulary, narrative, sentence building and conversation.

Who can benefit from Talk Boost?

Talk Boost is used with children with a range of Speech, Language and Communication needs, particularly children identified as having delayed language development.

Who can deliver Talk Boost?

Talk Boost can be delivered by a range of individuals, including teachers, training assistants and volunteers. It is important that those implementing the approach have received training by a Speech and Language Therapist.

Evidence for Talk Boost

There is evidence to suggest that Talk Boost has positive outcomes for children with delayed language (follow the link below to read the full report).

References

http://www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/sitecore/content/Communication%20Trust/Programme/~/_media/Communication%20Trust/Documents/ACTT%20Final%20Wave%202%20Report%20-%20November%2010.ashx

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