

Early Talk Boost

Early talk boost is a full term intervention programme that is designed for children with a mild to moderate language delay or need their confidence building.

Early Talk Boost is a targeted intervention aimed at 3-4 year old children.

Early talk boost is completed with 8 story books for a number of reasons:

- Introduce and reinforce characters who appear through out the programme so the children become familiar with them.
- They cover and target a range of vocabulary.
- They focus on language structures that the children are learning.
- Repeated reading of stories has an effect on children's narrative skills.



Each session will follow the same structure 'plan, do, review' before and after each session.

- Activity 1
- Activity 2
- Song
- Story (1 of the 8 Early Talk boost books depending on the week)

The activities are different for each session and will build on what the children have done previously.

Early talk boost supports:

- Attention and listening—these are the foundation skills for speaking and listening.
- Developing vocabulary - children with a wide range of vocabulary are less likely to have difficulties with reading in later life.
- Building sentences— putting words together is vital skill for having conversations and telling stories.

Tizzy's talking tips for sharing stories at home (LEARN)

L-Look at the pictures together

E-Encourage your child to talk by allowing them to start the conversation.

A-Ask questions (but remember not too many) make comments to relate to the story or home life experiences.

R-Remember to talk about things your child is interested in

N-Never rush and remember to pause giving your child time to talk.

'Initial findings show that after the termly Early Talk Boost intervention, children have made statistically significant progress in their early language.'

<http://blog.ican.org.uk/2015/06/introducing-early-talk-boost/>

