

# What is the Child-Led Book Talk programme?

The Child-Led Book Talk programme is a targeted intervention for children in Nursery and Reception who have been identified as not currently meeting age-related expectations for communication and language.

Practitioners will be trained to deliver sessions to target children which provide opportunities for collaborative exploratory and dialogic talk and sustained shared thinking. This will happen through an initial training session and follow up training. The Child-Led Book Talk sessions use high-quality picture books and other texts to provide an opportunity for the children and staff member to engage in dialogic talk. Practitioners will be trained to use evidence-informed strategies to support children's oral language development, including recasting, expansion, and joint attention. Implementation of the ShREC approach will also be explored to ensure interactions between the practitioner and children are of high-quality.

## About the training

Training will consist of one online 60 minute initial training for senior managers and the staff delivering the programme. This will be followed by seven 45 minute follow-up online training sessions.

Outside of the training ongoing coaching support will be available via email and Zoom. To support practitioners development the programme delivery team will provide feedback on filmed sessions.

Programme delivery will take place from October 2023 to March 2024. This includes:

- A member of the senior team and the staff chosen to run the intervention attend an initial 60-minute session. Practitioners then attend 7 fortnightly ongoing training sessions. Practitioners deliver three weekly Child-Led Book Talk sessions of approximately 5-10 minutes with at least two target children.
- Practitioners commit to filming themselves running the session at least once every fortnight.
- Practitioners commit to sharing at least one of their videos for feedback from the programme delivery team
  - Some settings might be asked to host a visit for the delivery team to observe a session.
- Practitioners will also be able to refer to a Padlet to share resources and top tips alongside the Child-Led Book Talk handbook.

## This programme aims to:

### For practitioners

Build the confidence, knowledge and skills to use a range of Child-Led Book Talk (or interactive reading) techniques to build children's language within the intervention and in their wider practice.

### For children

Regular opportunity to develop their spoken language and love of books through a fun, child-centred approach.

## To be eligible for this programme, you must:

Put forward two practitioners from your setting to attend the programme.

Complete and return a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

Work with 3-4 year olds within your setting. If you are a childminder and have only one child in this age range, you are able to buddy up with another childminder for support.

**This programme is open to school based nurseries, childminders & PVI's**



All settings that complete the programme will receive a £2000 incentive payment and will also be provided with a starter pack containing 6 books



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