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Small Talkers today are tomorrow's future

The government has recently appointed a communications champion, to help readdress the language and communication problems within society today.
Speaking about the appointment Ed Balls said:
"Speech, language and communication are crucial to every child's ability to access and get the most out of education and life.

Our view is also that communication is fundamental to early learning and confidence. We have therefore enlisted the services again of Libby Hill, a private Speech and Language therapist, from Smalltalk to devise us a specialist program. This helps staff to assess and improve their own skills when developing children's speech and language. The program also ensures the staff introduce children's signing as necessary.
If you are interested in what you child's language skills should be you can look at the small talk website which lists certain skills children can be working towards from ages 0-5 on the hyperlink below.
http://www.smalltalklanguagegroups.co.uk/language_development.htm

At Horn end we promote the use of sign language with all children; we also ensure all rooms are language and literacy rich environments, filled with words, and books, to develop children's new ideas and growing minds.

We have recently achieved a quality award from the education authority for improving children's speech and language skills. We are due to receive the certificate in February and will tell you more in our next newsletter.

Special points of interest

- Small Talkers
- Sainsbury's Vouchers rewards
- Stay and play
- Jo Jingles
- Manager's Memo

All the children enjoyed this month's visit from Jo Jingles. The photo above shows the children demonstrating excellent social skills by working as a group and passing the ball from one to another. This is also enhancing the children's physical ability and concentration.

Sainsbury Vouchers Rewards

The children are really enjoying the new outdoor equipment that we received with all the Sainsbury's vouchers .These have proved to be an excellent set of resources and provide endless fun and stimulation!! We are looking forward to getting out the spades, brooms and rakes early in the spring to prepare the soil for planting some vegetables that we can grow in our garden.

MANAGERS MEMO

Please ensure that when you are using the pram store at the side of the building that you stand your pushchair upright. This ensures that the pushchairs are stored separately and prevents pushchairs from becoming wet . Many thanks for your help with this.

Suzy

Stay and Play

It was lovely to see so many parents taking the opportunity to stay and play last month. We have a stay and play day every month throughout the year. Our next stay and play will be Wednesday 24th February **2010** from 8.30-9.30 am
If the dates or times are not convenient to you don't worry parents are welcome anytime. Just give me a call. Suzy

Horn End Nursery Premises At
Lammascote Road, Stafford, Egg Lane, Hixon, & Wharf Road, Rugeley.

We can now e-mail photos to you of your child at nursery. Please make sure we have your correct email address

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