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Horn End News

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LANGUAGE LAND

Language Land has been developed over the past seven years through funding by Newcastle-Under-Lyme NHS PCT and Staffordshire LEA, to provide a complete programme to improve the speech and language skills of children in Primary and nursery education.

It provides a detailed training package to support nursery & class teachers in adjusting their teaching practice through demonstrated language lessons, and to achieve collaborative practice.

After the speech & language therapists sessions it can be used as a complete language resource which provides modified lesson plans for children with speech, language and communication needs that can be incorporated into existing planning.

Activities can be integrated into Circle Time or timetabled as a 'stand-alone' lesson, and target:

General interaction/social skills

Good listening

Sound awareness skills

Vocabulary

Comprehension

Narrative skills

Language Land has been used extensively throughout Staffordshire LEA and has achieved excellent outcomes (see RCSLT Bulletin May 2003 'Let's go to Language land' Angela Wright).

Session plans

The sessions surround a magical journey on a magic carpet to Language Land. Once there they meet a puppet called Jack, find a magic sack, a magic tree and complete a magic jigsaw. Each part is designed to promote a specific skill

The puppet: good attention & listening

The sack: good listening and phonological awareness essential for speech development

The tree: Vocabulary & expressive language skills

The jigsaw: narrative skills

At Horn End the sessions will run consecutive weeks for approx 6 weeks, each of the children will be screened beforehand (with parental permission) and re-screened following the sessions. There will also be opportunity for parents to attend an information session.

Special points of interest

Language land

Award Winning Team

Children In Need

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Sessions available

Children In Need

This event was a most successful day. We raised a grand total of £273.00. We all donned our pyjamas for the day and Steve was a great sport having his legs waxed, A very big Thank you to everyone.

Spare sessions

We have some limited spare sessions available. Should you wish to book any extra sessions please feel free to speak to me.

Mary's Knitting

Thank you to all our Toby Tall's who took part in our Christmas concert Mary's Knitting. I'm sure that you would all agree they were all fantastic and the costumes were wonderful. It is a lovely experience for the children and it is one of the few times that they all come together as one whole group.

"Mary and Joseph"
Erin and Finley.



Award Winning Team

Horn End Nursery Rugeley won runners up Nursery Team of the year in the NMT awards in November. This is a great achievement for Horn End Nurseries as it demonstrates the high standards set by all of our nurseries.

MANAGERS MEMO

Now that the colder months are with us, please may I ask that you provide your child with their winter coats, hats, shoes etc. The children enjoy going outside and gain so many experiences and opportunities.

Should anyone have any special skills, hobbies or interests and would like to come into nursery to talk the children please feel free to talk to me about it as we always welcome all parents, Grandparents alike.

Fiona

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