



Oliver having fun with the rope lights!!



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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
- ∅ Winning Team
- ∅ Activities and special days
- ∅ Free Height chart
- ∅ Stay and play
- ∅ Managers Memo

Stay and Play

It was lovely to see so many parents taking the opportunity to stay and play. We plan to have a stay and play day every month. Our next stay and play will be **Wednesday 21st January 2009** from 8.00-9.00 am

If the dates or times are not convenient to you don't worry parents are welcome anytime. Just give me a call.

Award Winning Team

We were runners up as 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 team. Thank you for your support with nominations.

Learning and Growing Together Height Chart

The Learning and Growing Together wall chart is a free height chart for parents and their children to use together. The height chart contains information about fun things that parents and carers can do with their children that will help them learn and be healthy and explains how parents and carers can gain access to free early learning and care.

The height chart is also available in 20 community language versions: Chinese, French, Polish, Portuguese, Somali, Spanish, Vietnamese, Albanian, Bulgarian, Czech, Romanian, Russian, Turkish, Arabic, Bengali, Farsi, Gujarati, Hindi, Punjabi and Urdu. Copies of the wall chart are available from DCSF Publications.

Paste into your browser to download

<http://www.parenta.com/story.aspx?storyID=199&mxmroi=19872187/21706014/false>

MANAGERS MEMO

I would like to say a big thank you for all the lovely Christmas gifts we have received. 2008 was a fantastic year for Horn End Rugeley and I have been so touched by all the lovely feedback that I get from Parents on a daily basis. Thank you for being so supportive!!
Emma

Horn End Nursery Premises At
Lamascote 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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