



English Spoken Language

At Arnesby, we believe that being able to listen carefully and respond in a thoughtful way is an important skill. It helps children not only in school but also in the world around them.

Every day, we use talk to help children learn. We teach them how to share their answers, ask questions, express their opinions, and describe things clearly. We also focus on helping children express their feelings in words. One important part of this is teaching new vocabulary to help all children grow in their learning.

We teach vocabulary in three ways:

- **Tier 1** – These are words we use every day (like table, slowly, write, and horrible).
- **Tier 2** – These are more sophisticated words you might find in books or schoolwork (like gregarious, beneficial, and required).
- **Tier 3** – These are special words for certain subjects (like osmosis, trigonometry, and onomatopoeia).

We focus on teaching Tier 2 words to help children speak with more variety and write using rich, interesting vocabulary.

Our goal is for children to use English clearly and confidently, so they can communicate well with others. We also provide helpful sentence starters for each year group, which help children structure their thoughts when they ask questions or give answers.

We encourage children to talk and work together to help them understand and share their thinking. In the classroom, we use 'Talk Partners' to discuss ideas and loosely follow the principles of 'Talk for Writing' in Key Stage 1. We also make sure that our lessons include real-life activities, where children can practise speaking and adjusting their tone for different situations—whether it's a presentation, a performance, a role play, or a debate. Talking is truly a key to success!