Speech and Language Message of the Week

TOP TIPS FOR SUPPORTING UNDERSTANDING

- Make sure you have the child's attention before asking a question.
- Break down instructions into smaller steps.
- Use visuals, gesture and real objects to show children what you are talking about.
- Use the 10 second rule. Give children 10 seconds to process new information and questions.

Clearly label drawers and containers in the classroom with pictures and the written word so children can follow instructions more easily and support independence.

For children with language difficulties avoid "why" and "how" questions. Focus on "what" and "where" questions about the here and now.

Pre-teach curriculum vocabulary using word webs and multi-sensory approaches. Keep referring back to new vocabulary.

- Break down instructions into smaller steps.

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