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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 2 English Speaking Board Pre-Entry Level Award in Speech

We are excited to share the news that entry for the English Speaking Board (ESB) Pre-Entry Level Award in Speech has been booked for the children in Year 2 on Wednesday 3rd July.

Your child will be entered for the Pre-Entry Level Award in Speech assessment which builds confidence in speaking, reading and listening for Year 2 children. The qualification recognises that every child is unique, constantly learning and can be resilient, capable, confident and self-assured. The session is taken in groups of six children accompanied by the class teacher.

There are 4 sections to the session and the session lasts approximately 10 minutes in total:

Section 1: Talk – Something Special

Children bring in and show listeners a favourite toy or item and tell them about it. **Please support your child by helping them to choose their topic and practice this at home.**

Section 2: Speaking by Heart

Children begin by saying the title of their chosen poem and the poet's name. They will then recite their poem, sharing the content with the group.

Section 3: Reading Aloud

Children begin by saying the title of their chosen book and the author's name. They will then read their prepared passage of approximately 100 from this story.

Section 4: Listening and Responding

Children answer questions from the group and the assessor after their talk. They will also participate in a group discussion, joining in with comments and questions.

We are really happy to be offering this opportunity to your children who have all already grown so much in confidence in terms of their speaking and listening skills.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mrs Rathbone.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Catalano
English Lead

If you require this information in any other format, please contact the school office.

