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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 5 English Speaking Board - Entry Level Award in Speech (Entry 3)

We are excited to share the news that entry for the English Speaking Board (ESB) Entry Level Award in Speech (Entry 3) has been booked for the children in Year 5 on Wednesday 12th June.

Your child will be entered for the Entry Level Award in Speech (Entry 3) assessment which builds confidence in speaking, reading and listening for Year 4 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 12 minutes in total:

Section 1: Talk – Explaining How

Children talk about something they have achieved, made, grown or learned about. For example they may talk about how they have gained a certificate, a trophy they have won, making or growing something, the planets or the Tudors. They should support their talk by using a relevant visual aid. **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 or piece of drama, the authors` name and a detailed reason for their choice. They will then recite their poem or piece of drama, sharing the content with the group and the assessor.

Section 3: Reading Aloud

Children should prepare 6-12 pages (containing dialogue) of a book, from which the assessor will choose an extract to be read aloud. Children must also introduce the book, placing their chosen section within the wider context of the story.

Section 4: Listening and Responding

Children answer questions from the group and the assessor after any section. 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. The main feedback on all assessments last year, to assist children to get to the next mark level, was to look up at the audience more regularly whilst reading. Please help support your child by encouraging this during practice at home.

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.

