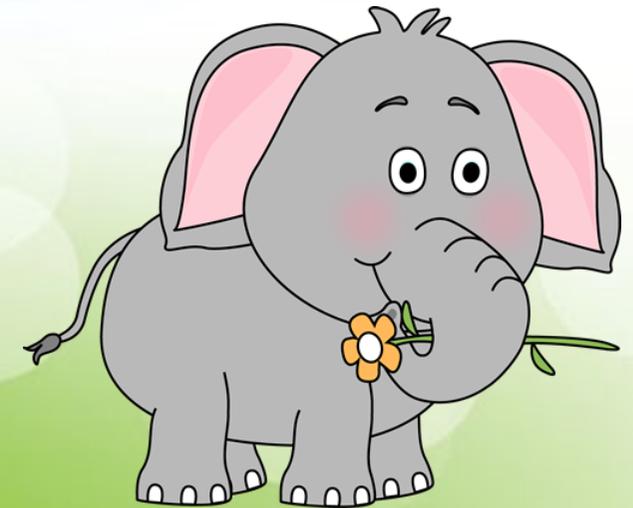


Eric's Guide for Parents

How to help your child get the Eric COMMUNICATION

Award!



CREATING GOOD LEARNERS

HELPING YOUR CHILD

You may already have helped your child to develop these skills by modelling good communication at home. If so, please celebrate with them and let us know how proud you are of them on one of our 'Great News to Share With Eric' notes!



At school younger children will learn to:

- Think about what they say and choose the right words
- Speak fluently and confidently
- Listen to instructions from the teacher
- Listen to their classmates before speaking and take turns

As they get older they will:

- Join in group discussions and make useful points
- Present to an audience, expressing their opinions clearly
- Take part in decision making

Name: _____



This leaflet aims to give advice to parents as to how they can help their child to become a better learner and achieve one of our four special ERIC awards!

We hope you find it helpful.



WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP?

It is important to help your child with speaking and listening because:

- Your child's ability to speak and listen well will be a good foundation for their later learning
- If they are good speakers and listeners they will do better at reading and writing
- If they can communicate well with others, it will help them to make friends more easily
- They will become more independent and be able to learn about the world

Show your child how to be a good listener by listening to them and others; ask questions about what they say and ask their opinions too.

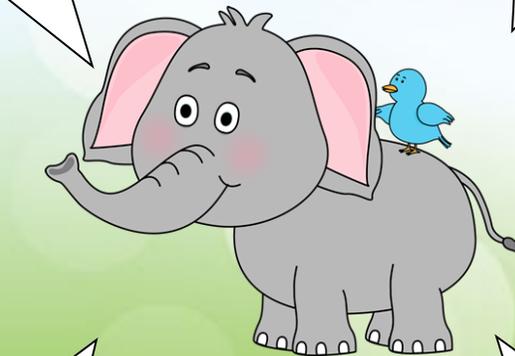
Try hard not to finish their sentences for them; set a good example by speaking in full sentences and expecting them to do the same.

Communication

Eric says

Look at who is talking!

Wait your turn!



Listen carefully!

Talk to each other!

Encourage your child to be confident when speaking to others by giving them opportunities to mix with family and friends whenever they can. The more chance they have to socialise with others the more competent they will become!

- Play family games together like 'I Spy', 'Charades', 'Chinese Whispers' and 'Articulate'.
- Nursery rhymes, songs, jokes and puppets are an important way of helping younger children learn language
- Re-tell familiar stories and have fun making up your own with older children.
- Read books and poetry aloud together

- Enjoy spending time together and make sure that talking and listening is part of that experience.
- Demonstrate to your child what ERIC is looking for when you talk together and they will want to have a go too!

