



Literacy is part of every lesson at Bluecoat Aspley Academy.



We promote vocabulary instruction in every subject.



We help students to read a range of complex texts.



We help students to break down complex writing tasks.



We combine reading and writing in subjects.



We provide opportunity for structured talk.



We provide high-level intervention packages to support students.

You could:

Remind your child that literacy is important in life and in every subject area.

Promote a positive attitude towards reading, vocabulary, speaking, listening and writing skills.

Encourage your child to engage with literacy enrichment opportunities.

Encourage your child to practise their skills and to ask for help.

You could:

Encourage your child to use and talk about their magpie book.

Breakdown new words and think about what they might mean and what clues there are to help.

Encourage your child to use a precise word – choose the word “dog” rather than “animal”, choose the word “Labrador” rather than “dog”.

Play games such as Taboo or Articulate.

You could:

Encourage your child to read for 20 minutes each day. Work up to this if it seems a lot. Talk about what they've read.

Read and ask questions about leaflets or magazines.

Encourage your child to read to you or to a sibling. Read to your child. Take it in turns to read a page or a chapter.

Listen to audio books, use an e-reader or visit the library.

You could:

Encourage your child to hand write tasks as well as to use a computer.

Ask your child to talk about what they're going to write or make some notes on scrap paper before they write.

Encourage your child to read through what they have written – reading it aloud can help – ask them to make corrections and improvements.

You could:

Encourage your child to look at examples before they write.

Remind your child to think about the question before they write an answer.

Encourage your child to read non-fiction texts as well as fiction and to think about how different types of texts are written.

You could:

Encourage your child to show that they are listening to a speaker through their body language and gestures.

Encourage your child to talk in full sentences and play games like talking for a minute on a particular topic or trying to persuade you that their viewpoint is correct.

Prompt your child to ask others questions and to summarise their answer.

You could:

Encourage your child to talk to their tutor, subject teacher, key worker or Year Leader if they feel that they would like some support.

Contact your child's tutor, subject teacher, key worker or Year Leader if you feel that they would benefit from support.

Encourage your child to attend any one-to-one, small group or online sessions that they are invited to join.