



# **Appendices 1:**

# Talk, Learn and Grow Levels

Aspects of curriculum intent to be incorporated across all areas of subject planning

### **Talk Intent**

- To develop effective attention and listening skills
- To develop an understanding of language
- To develop effective expressive communication skills

### **Learn Intent**

- To develop lifelong learning skills and strategies
- To have opportunities to learn through broad ambitious and a challenging range of experiences
- To build on prior knowledge
- To develop transferable thinking skills
- To acknowledge and celebrate difference
- To work with others

### **Grow Intent**

- To develop an understanding of own emotions and establish relationships
- To learn to take risks in learning and develop resilience
- To develop strategies to overcome individual barriers to learning
- To develop readiness to transition to stage of education
- To develop as respectful and active citizens

# Themes and levelling documents for each area of intent:

#### **TALK**

# T1: Attention and Listening

PIVATS Listening + PIVATS Behaviour for Learning + Ages and Stages

# **T2: Understanding Questions**

Blanks Level expectations from Ages and Stages

# **T3: Expressive Communication**

PIVATS Speaking + Ages and Stages

#### **LEARN**

# L1: Behaviour for Learning

PIVATS Behaviour for Learning + PSLB

# L2: Social Awareness and Relationships

PIVATS Social Awareness and Relationships + PSLB + Ages and Stages

#### **GROW**

# **G1: Emotional Aspects**

PSLB + PIVATS Emotional Aspects

# **G2:** Resilience and Independence

PSLB + PIVATS Independence and Self Help

# Level 1 (Functional Comprehension - FC 2;0-2;06 + P6)

### TALK:

- T1 Demonstrate intentional joint attention for extended periods (e.g. looking back and forth between person and object in structured groups)
- T2 Respond appropriately to simple questions about immediate events/objects in context, e.g. 'Where is the ball?' 'What are you doing?' (Blanks 1-2)
- T3 Begin to ask for help appropriately

### LEARN:

- L1 Search out resources for familiar self-chosen activities with support
- Cooperate with others in structured small group activities with support

### **GROW:**

- **G1** Express basic feelings, e.g. feeling sad or excited.
- **62** Walk into a classroom with increasing confidence, e.g. understands routine and happy to cooperate

### Level 2 (FC 2;06-3;0 + P6)

#### TALK:

- T1 Follow simple context embedded instructions given to a small group (child's name is not specifically used)
- T2 Respond appropriately to questions about the functions of objects (Blanks Level 2)
- T3 Initiate and maintain short conversations about familiar events (using preferred method of communication)

### **LEARN:**

- Ask simple 'what?' questions to gain simple information to clarify events or show curiosity
- Play with peer for a short time and respond to ideas of others (e.g. imitate others in play)

- **G1** Recognise and name some basic feelings
- **G2** Use resources for familiar activities independently.

### Level 3 (FC 3;0-3;06 + P7)

#### TALK:

- T1 Maintain attention to familiar or enjoyable adult led tasks with support.
- T2 Answer questions about the details of objects not necessarily visible at the time (Blanks Level 2)
- T3 Describe events that have already happened and recent experiences

#### LEARN:

- Begin to realise there may be more than one solution to a problem, e.g. how can we stick these together? 'sticky tape' or 'glue'
- Actively participate and contribute in a small group activity with minimum support

#### GROW:

- **G1** Identify what makes them feel the way they do
- G2 Show confidence to take part in less familiar and new activities independently (take a risk)

# Level 4 (FC 3;06-4;0 + P7)

### TALK:

- T1 Shift their own attention from an activity to a person speaking.
- T2 Answer questions that require describing, sequencing and retelling, e.g. can you tell me what happened? what might happen next? (Blanks Level 2-3)
- T3 Communicate about things in the past, present and future

### **LEARN:**

- L1 Complete a familiar activity or task with prompts (5 minutes or more)
- Takes turns with others in structured activities with minimum adult support

- **G1** Use simple strategies to manage their emotions with support.
- **G2** Show some awareness of how to keep safe in familiar situations

### Level 5 (FC 4;0-4;06 + P8)

#### TALK:

- T1 Demonstrate dual channelled attention (able to keep doing a task and listen at the same time)
- T2 Answer questions relating to similarities and differences (Blanks Level 3)
- T3 Ask lots of questions to find out more specific information, e.g. 'who?' 'why?'

#### LEARN:

- L1 Use trial and improvement to solve a problem (e.g. persevere with a 20-piece jigsaw)
- Begin to negotiate with others in a variety of situations

#### **GROW:**

- **G1** Take into account clues from situations to help explain emotions of others (e.g. a child may be sad if their favourite toy is broken)
- **G2** Recognise and look after their own belongings.

# Level 6 (FC 4;06-5;0 + P8/Bridge)

#### TALK:

- T1 Can look at the person who is talking and shift attention to new speakers.
- T2 To answer questions requiring a definition, e.g. 'what is a...?' (Blanks Level 3)
- T3 Take part in role play using a range of topic focused vocabulary.

#### **LEARN:**

- L1 Can search out appropriate unfamiliar resources for an activity independently.
- Can take simple roles within a group and follow the order within a group when taking turns

- G1 Can begin to think about how their/others' actions make others feel
- G2 Know the order of the school day (e.g. can follow a visual timetable independently) and accept change with less support

# Level 7 (FC 5;0-5;06 + Bridge/Milestone 1)

### TALK:

- T1 Listen to contributions of others in group activities.
- T2 Answer questions relating to cause and effect, e.g. 'why?' (Blanks Level 4)
- T3 Show awareness of the listener by staying on topic in conversations.

### **LEARN:**

- L1 Begin to reflect on, when questioned, what they have achieved.
- Play and work cooperatively, taking turns and sharing activities in less demanding situations

### **GROW:**

- **G1** Realise that feelings help them decide what to do. Use simple strategies to make themselves and others feel better.
- G2 –Begin to understand the size of a problem and show simple problem solving skills.

# Level 8 (FC 5;06-6;0 + Milestone 1)

### TALK:

- T1 Integrated attention: easily listen to information whilst doing something else at the same time, even in a distracting environment
- T2 Answer questions requiring prediction, e.g. 'what would happen if?' (Blanks Level 4)
- T3 Communicate what has happened using a clear beginning, middle and end.

### **LEARN:**

- Able to show basic evaluation skills and become involved in their learning from choices (e.g. setting own simple next step targets)
- Show awareness of the aims and roles in activities and contribute to the achievement of group goals with support

- G1– Identify more subtle/complex emotions (e.g. embarrassment, jealousy, guilt, pride, disappointment, empathy)
- G2 Recognise a simple mistake and self-manage this to make it right.

# Level 9 (FC 6;0-6;06 + Milestone 2)

# TALK:

- T1 Sustain listening to less familiar speakers and in larger group situations and remember what happened to discuss later.
- T2 Answer questions requiring explanation, e.g. 'how do you know? (Blanks Level 4)
- T3 Explain and discuss their ideas with a group using interesting vocabulary that gains attention

### **LEARN:**

- L1 Identify the main steps in an action plan of successful completion of a task.
- Negotiate with others in a variety of situations (e.g. ask appropriate questions, take steps to resolve conflict and find a compromise)

- **G1** Begin to understand intensity of feelings and link these to their reactions
- G2 Begin to check their own work and self-correct linked to the criteria set (when prompted to do so)