

Oracy in the Early Years and KS1

Research and Innovation Work Group

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Sustained shared thinking

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Outline

Oracy is often described as the complementary skills of learning to talk and learning through talk. The aim of this Work Group is to explore learning through talk with a focus on sustained shared thinking.

The group will focus on the impact this can have on under-resourced learners at an early age and is open to schools in a Sustaining Teaching for Mastery Work Group.

Details

What is involved?

Work Groups follow a workshop – school-based action research cycle. Various approaches and strategies will be discussed, incorporated into the participants' existing plans and resources, trialled, and evaluated.

What are the benefits?

- ✓ Students show improved language skills in mathematics, and beyond.
- ✓ Participants identify the approaches and strategies which will support rich mathematical talk

The wider context

Sustained shared thinking, where 'an adult shows genuine interest, offers encouragement, clarifies ideas and asks open questions...extends the children's thinking and helps them to make connections in their learning' (Siraj-Blatchford and Sylva, 2004). This group will explore how to provide opportunities for sustained shared thinking within mathematics, how to take advantage of these opportunities and the impact this has.

Expectations of participants and their schools

Schools must be able to commit to the full academic year's programme. This involves a total of six online workgroup sessions across the academic year, as well as classroom and school-based activity. Participants must also be supported by their school leadership to explore outcomes from the project with other colleagues in their department.

Workshop details

Workshops will take place on the following dates:

Date	Time	Location
23 rd Jan 2024	15:45 – 17:15	Online
21 st Feb 2024	15:45 – 17:15	Online
19 th March 2024	15:45 – 17:15	Online
15 th April 2024	15:45 – 17:15	Online
22 nd May 2024	15:45 – 17:15	Online

Participation is free for teachers from state-funded schools. Cover expenses will need to be funded by each school, as necessary.

Link to expression of interest form: [here](#).

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