



We are doing NELI Preschool in nursery! NELI Preschool is a 20-week oral language intervention programme for all children with additional support for children who need it most. It is based around the shared book reading of 20 beautiful books and learning 82 'special words' throughout the 20 weeks. All children will always benefit from rich language experiences and this programme has strong evidence of helping boost all children's language skills.

Your child will have daily sessions that include reading a book and some special activities to introduce and reinforce the 'special words' of the week. A select number of children will also receive extra sessions in small groups and individual sessions to further support them in their language journey.

What activities will we be doing?

At the beginning of each week, we will read a book from the programme with our trusty puppet friend, Neli the elephant who has some 'listening rules' and looks for the 'best listener' of the session. Each day following that first session includes a focus on 'special words' from the book and activities relating to this special word.

How can I help at home?

NELI Preschool recognises the importance of parental involvement. NELI@Home includes 'home learning links' that includes a summary of the book of the week, the special words and some fun home challenges to further support your child's language production and understanding at home.

The best way you can also help your child at home is to talk with them a lot. This can be about anything from involving them in things that you are doing at home or while you are out and about, to discussing things that your child is interested in. Whenever possible, let them lead the conversation. Repeat some of the things your child says so that they know you are listening, and try adding a couple of words of your own so that you show how to develop their language skills.

Reading books to your child is another great way of helping them to develop their listening and speaking skills. Finding a book that features activities or characters that they already know can help. Children love repetition, so don't worry if you find yourself reading the same book over and over again! This book may be the one that nursery is reading during the week, but it can also be any other book that you and your child enjoy together.

If you have any questions, please call in to the nursery classroom.