



## Tell the class 5 Facts!



Dear Parents,

This year '5 Facts' will be replacing 'Show and Tell' as a major part of our speaking and listening curriculum. As well as being a fun way of sharing experiences and knowledge with friends, this is a way to encourage the children to confidently share information with their peers. Children will be asked, via a label in the Reading Diary, to prepare for a given date when they will stand in front of the class and say 5 facts about a topic of their choice. This can be linked to our topics in class. We want to have a clear focus on this being about speaking clearly and communicating effectively so we do ask that they are simple facts that the children can memorise. This ensures that they focus on their delivery skills, not just on reading notes about a topic.

The children can bring in one item to support what they are speaking about, but we do want the focus to be on developing their oracy skills.

To help your child prepare for their turn have a look at the following tips:

### **Ideas for how to help your child prepare for '5 Facts':**

- Encourage your child to decide what they would like to talk about. You could help them find out 5 facts about their chosen topic and write them down together.
- Keep the facts simple! It is better for them to stand up and say 5 simple things clearly and confidently than forget 5 complicated things.
- Use gesture to help aid memory, for example, we will certainly encourage the children to use their fingers to indicate which number of fact they are discussing.
- Practise in front of siblings, teddies, grandparents or anyone willing to listen!
- Practise key speaking skills, such as, eye contact and using a clear, audible voice.

We look forward to seeing what you bring in!

Thank you,

Sophie and Charley