

## BROADENING VOCABULARY

WHY?	WOW WORDS!
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To have more language resources to draw upon to assist articulation</li><li>• To make learning new words easier and lots of fun!</li><li>• <b>Research shows that vocabulary expansion is linked to later reading ability and overall achievement.</b></li></ul>	<p>Anything and everything! Language is vast, endless. Wherever you are, whatever you are doing, there are opportunities to introduce new words!</p> <p>Picking objects to talk about, thinking of lots of words to describe the object is a great place to start. For example, rather than "That is a digger" you could extend it to "That is an enormous, shiny, deep purple digger".</p>
WHAT?	
<p>You as parents play the predominant role in introducing and exposing children to new words.</p> <p>Young children learn language from the models around them. So, it is important that we, as adults, model good language, articulation and speaking in full sentences. Children should be used to hearing a diverse range and use of vocabulary in adult to adult conversations as well as discussions between adults and children.</p> <p>When children come across new words, they should also understand the meaning of the new word and be able to use it in context. It is pointless knowing how to say words if there is no contextual understanding. Note that often (especially, it seems with English, the same word can be used in different contexts!).</p> <p>Opportunities for introducing new vocabulary are extensive. However, when purposefully aiming to build a bank of new words, be guided by the children's choice of topic; new words are more likely to be remembered and utilised if the word is placed in a meaningful and interesting topic to the individual.</p>	