At Heather Avenue, we want our children to develop a lifelong love of language and literature. We know that future success is linked directly to a broad vocabulary, love of reading and ability to communicate effectively through text. Therefore, our primary aim is to ensure that children continuously have opportunities to achieve the speaking and listening, reading and writing expectations for their age group.

## Our children are;

- Taught phonics daily using the Read Write Inc. programme, building confidence for all children in their ability to read
- Given daily opportunities to engage with high quality text to encourage reading for pleasure
- Taught to engage with different genres of text via Talk for Writing
- Given opportunities to write for a variety of purposes following a process where they imitate, innovate and independently apply their writing skills
- Given opportunities for speaking and listening in all area of learning
- Taught the skills required for quality communication including the ability to speak and listen for a variety of purposes
- Celebrated not only for their success for also their efforts and resilience

