

S&L Top Tips KS1 – Term 1

Our termly tip for supporting your child's vocabulary and language development

To help improve children's literacy and reading ability it's important to develop their phonological awareness skills. Try these activities below to help your child with this:

Syllable clapping:

Read stories and select words for children to clap syllables (e.g. 'oh look there's a butterfly. How many syllables in butterfly?')

For children who struggle with this focus on 2 syllable words and provide a model for them. For children who find this easy get them to clap out 1, 2, 3 and 4 syllable words. 1 syllable words can often be harder for children to clap. You could also play games such as pairs and ask the child to clap the syllables in the pictures that they find.

Please also see the link below to read more about supporting your child's communication:

<https://speechandlanguage.org.uk/help-for-families/resource-library-for-families/tips-for-supporting-primary-aged-childrens-communication-skills/>