

## Audiology

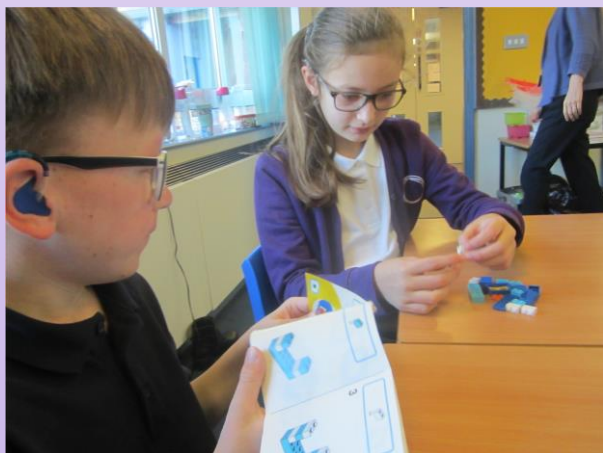
We aim to develop the listening, spoken and written language skills of the children by:

**Promoting** effective use of cochlear implants, hearing and radio aids;

**Improving** listening skills through auditory training;

**Maximising** acoustic listening conditions within the school.

Cochlear implants and hearing aids are checked on a daily basis and the DLB keeps necessary supplies such as batteries, leads and ear mould tubes.



DLB staff also work closely with the Speech and Language Therapy service; the audiology department at the BRI; the South West Cochlear Implant Team; Educational Psychology and the Sensory Support service.

### **Social and Emotional**

Central to our work is developing a healthy Deaf identity and strong self-esteem in our pupils.

We provide regular sessions in the DLB which focus on building confidence and managing deafness. Pupils take part in extra-curricular activities and termly events with children from the wider Deaf community.

We provide regular Deaf Awareness events and take part in National Deaf Awareness Week.

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## Deaf Learning Base

**In our Deaf Learning Base (D.L.B.), a team of expert staff support each child to meet their learning, language and communication needs through individualised programmes.**



## Teaching and learning in the D.L.B

Within the DLB we provide small group and one-to-one teaching of core literacy and maths skills.

We use a multi-sensory approach as the start point to all our learning and use a range of teaching tools to encourage pupils' engagement.

*“Because of good teaching and support...all groups of pupils...in the specialist resource bases, make good progress. This ensures equality of opportunity across the school.”  
Ofsted 2014*



## Teaching and learning in mainstream classes.

We provide:

- \* Deaf Awareness training for all mainstream staff to ensure our pupils can fully access activities.
- \* Soundfield systems to boost the class teacher's voice.
- \* Adapted resources, advice and support within the class to ensure our pupils have the very best opportunities to learn.
- \* Regular BSL lessons and assemblies.

Being in the mainstream classes gives our children time to develop friendships with their hearing peers.



## Communication and language

Developing children's communication and language is at the heart of our day.

We are able to offer the best communication support for our children.

- Spoken English
- BSL
- Sign supported English
- PECS

Throughout the day children enjoy a personalised programme of communication and language support which can include:

- Visual phonics
- Pre-teaching of vocabulary to prepare them for mainstream lessons
- Activities recommended by the speech and language therapist
- Specialized interventions
- BSL teaching