\*Every week in Big Talk we have a conversation where we share our ideas, thoughts and feelings. We start with a prompt – a theme, a picture or photo, a story, an object or event.

\*We talk in pairs, small groups and as a whole class.

\*We use ‘WOW’ words.

\*’If children can say it, they can write it’.

\* Talking to learn – talking about learning- learning to talk

\*Children use talk to explore ideas and feelings, to listen and respond to others in pairs, small and large groups.

\*Children develop language skills through talking which enable them to progress as writers – sentence structure, grammar, vocabulary enrichment.

\*Adults model use of language for children.

\*Children develop skills that enable them to think and communicate effectively.

\*Questions are used to promote discussion and extend children’s thinking.

\*Join in with the weekly Big Talk Conversation at home. This will enable your child to contribute confidently and more actively at school.

\*Encourage the whole family to be involved, have a dedicated speaking and listening time, sharing your thoughts, ideas and feelings.

\*When you are sharing your opinion, use the word **because** to explain why you think that.