

Dear Parents,

Your child is having an opportunity to partake in an ESB (English Speaking Board) exam which is a national awarding organisation offering qualifications in Speech and Language. The exam is at the end of the Summer term on the 11th July. To date the children have loved the experience. I feel it builds their self esteem and gives the children greater confidence in presenting which is a life time skill. Mrs Ruthiran and myself work together every Wednesday afternoon preparing the four elements (see below) and the advice I give the children is outlined below. I would appreciate if you can support your child with listening to their presentation, poem and reading the extract from their chosen book.

1. Speech with Powerpoint Presentation

Remember to explain why you are interested in the subject you have chosen, how long you have been taking part etc. Do not learn your speech off-by-heart - try to speak naturally and point to some of your slides.

2. Poem (Spoken by heart)

**Don't forget to introduce your poem.** You need to announce the title and poet and explain why you have chosen this poem. You need to know your poem off-by-heart.

3. Reading Aloud (YOU DO NOT NEED TO LEARN THIS – IT IS A READING TASK)

Remember to **introduce the book and the author to your audience.** Put the chosen passage into context e.g. what has just happened previously and mention the characters involved.

4. Listening and Responding

Remember when you are answering a question, answer in a full sentence and speak clearly. Think of some possible questions you may be asked about your book or speech.

REMEMBER ENTHUSIASM AT ALL TIMES IS ESSENTIAL.

Should you have any questions please contact me or Mrs Ruthiran either via email ([skhajuria@broadfields.net](mailto:skhajuria@broadfields.net), [bpatel@broadfields.net](mailto:bpatel@broadfields.net)) or the Class Dojo app.