

Dear Parents,

Here at The Shepherd's Hut we encourage language development on a daily basis by playing with your children, encouraging them to ask and answer questions, to listen and join in with storytelling, finding out about their likes and dislikes etc. With this in mind we would like to introduce you to "small talk" which has been launched by The National Literacy Trust.

"Small talk" aims to support the language development of 30,000 children under the age of five by equipping the parents with skills and confidence to chat, play and read with their child every day.

Small talk has launched [small-talk.org.uk](http://small-talk.org.uk), a new website featuring videos, advice and information to help parents make chatting, playing and reading activates part of their daily routine with children.

By visiting the website you will be able to see the ways in which you can help your child/ren at home.

Happy talking and reading

From everyone at The Shepherd's Hut.

