

# CHATTY BATS

## Language Development Programme



*'We have just completed Chatty Bats and the pre/post data is good. I think a lot of the impact is around the fact that it has tuned staff into what the children do and how they learn.'*

Teacher



The Chatty Bats Language Development Programme boosts the understanding and spoken language of children, ages 3 to 5, and increases their confidence and engagement.

Chatty Bats combines the engaging, expertly crafted Clickety Early Soundplay stories with a tried and tested language programme developed by Wendy Lee at LINGO.

### About the Author

Wendy Lee, LINGO, is a consultant speech and language therapist who has worked in schools and early years settings, higher education and national charities. She was Professional Director at the Communication Trust until 2015 and has developed several successful programmes to support children's speech, language and communication skills.

### Programme contents:

- Guidance and Classroom Activities - includes background information and resources for parents
- Language Development Programme - 10 weeks of small group session plans with resources
- USB flashdrive – easy to print pdfs of essential resources for classroom activities, small group sessions and parents
- Five Clickety Early Soundplay books with ten finger puppets



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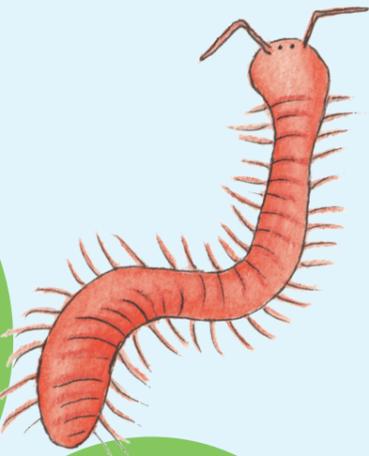
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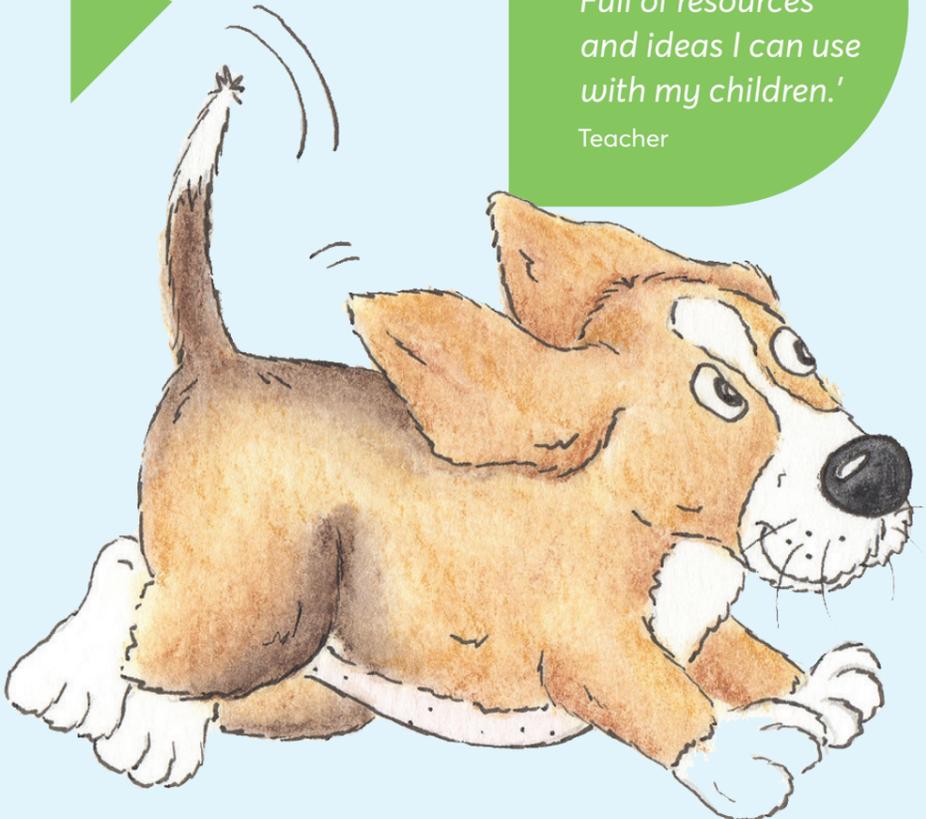


Chatty Bats uses a robust dialogic reading methodology, linking engaging stories with structured language activities to enhance the use of language, vocabulary and understanding of 3-5 year olds.

'We're doing Chatty Bats and understanding is developing, listening and attention developing ... confidence and self-esteem developing and more ability to communicate in whole group activities.'



'The Chatty Bats bag is brilliant. Full of resources and ideas I can use with my children.'  
Teacher



The programme is based on evidence around:

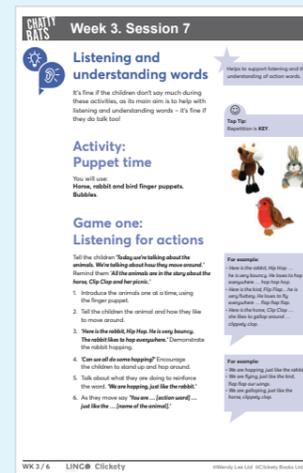
- Positive impact of dialogic reading
- Additional activities needed for children with language needs
- Props that help children with language needs to engage
- Inclusion of 'pause reading' and 'elaborative reminiscing'

A 10 week language intervention programme

- Based around 5 of the Clickety Early Soundplay stories
- 30 sessions with puppets, activities and materials
- Over 40 additional activities for the whole class and parents
- Monitoring and evaluation documentation
- Support for vocabulary, understanding and use of language

Chatty Bats introduced

- Into 50 schools as part of Strategic School Improvement Fund project, initial feedback from 18 schools
- 2 further schools, one with a language resource provision, another mainstream nursery with high levels of deprivation and EAL
- Over 120 children, 3 to 5 years old, completed the programme



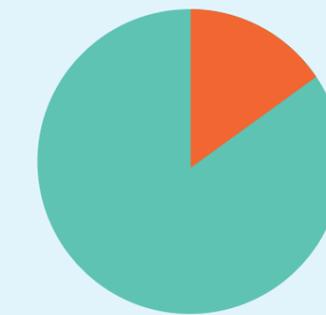
A small sample of children measured on the standardised Preschool CELF show an average progress of:

- 14 months in receptive language
- 7.5 months in expressive vocabulary

Other measures show mixed results but all children make good progress.

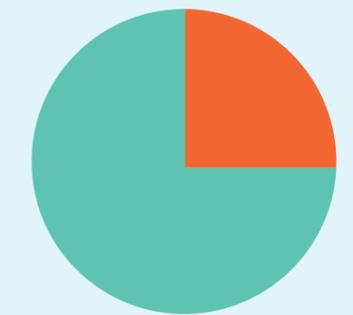
Children also show increased confidence and engagement. Over 80% of schools reported the highest rating of 'good impact' on practice and all schools reported a positive impact on children's outcomes with 75% reporting a 'good impact'.

Impact on practice



■ limited ■ some ■ good

Impact on children's outcomes



■ limited ■ some ■ good

"I have seen and recorded improvement of their understanding. Each child taking part has also developed their language with clearer speech and a wider vocabulary. Another positive is that their concentration has been extended, allowing for the areas mentioned to improve. The book and resource sheets are easy to follow and I am looking forward to doing another 10 week session as my confidence and understanding of the programme has developed and it will only help with the children reaching their potential."

JR Teaching Assistant