



St. Bede C.E. (Aided) Primary School

Morris Green Lane, BOLTON BL3 3LJ

Executive Headteacher: Mr. J. Hatch

Executive Deputy Headteacher: Mrs. J. Roberts

Chairman of Governors: Mr. H. Hirst

Telephone: **(01204) 61899**

Facsimile: **(01204) 61344**

E-mail: information@st-bede.bolton.sch.uk

Website: <http://www.st-bede.bolton.sch.uk>

Our School was lucky to be involved in the pilot scheme for the Every Child a Talker Programme. It was during the development of Lead Practitioners that the group was introduced to Storyphones. We were so inspired and excited by the products, that we decided that they would be a valuable addition to our setting.

It only took a short time to introduce the headsets to the children as they are so easy to use. They encourage independent learning and allow freedom to move around the whole environment including outdoors. The headsets are so useful throughout the Early Years Foundation Stage areas of learning. We place the headsets in different areas around the room to link with the independent activities on offer.



We have used the headsets to ask questions about the sounds and movements of jungle animals.

We used them in the construction area to tell stories and even aid counting skills when laying bricks for the wall!



Storyphones allow us to reinforce and repeat many of the focus activities delivered in the setting in an exciting way. Children take them into cosy areas to listen, use them to count along with in the number area, answer questions about favourite stories and look for items hidden around nursery! Using the headsets helps children to focus on the task by minimising the distractions of other noise around them.

Each day the children take part in Narrative sessions which are designed to encourage speech and language. During these sessions the children often record themselves and play back their sounds or words. This is so valuable to our setting due to the poor speech and language skills on entry to nursery. The diversity of Storyphones helps us to address these delays by meeting their early language learning needs.

We are extremely happy with our purchases from Storyphones and really enjoy the relationship that we have developed with the Team. It is a pleasure to support such a wonderful product and company.

Michelle Drake
Nursery Manager St Bede CE Primary School
Lead Language Practitioner