



EAL / New Arrivals Team

# Top Tips for keeping your home language alive.

- Talk to your child every day in your home language about the things you are doing together, such as cooking, washing, gardening and watching television.
- Share stories, songs, rhymes and games in your home language and encourage your child to join in.
- Find books and magazines to read together in your home language or make your own storybooks.
- Find videos and television programmes in your home language to watch and talk about together
- Talk to your child about what schoolwork they have been doing in your home language as well as English. This will help their learning because they can think about their ideas in both languages.

It is very important for your child to learn their home language as well as English. If children speak their mother tongue well, they will learn English quickly.

With two languages, they will have many advantages:

- Communicating with family and friends
- Learning new languages and working in different countries in the future.
- Bilingualism/Multilingualism gives more brain power.

