



Samarès Gets Talking!

This week we have celebrated Children's Mental Health Week. We had special assemblies and took part in activities in class. The theme for this year was My Voice Matters - My Voice Matters is about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves. When we feel empowered, there's a positive impact on our wellbeing. Our focus on oracy supports this well - ensuring every voice is heard, and every voice valued.



Talk about:

Why is it important to share our opinions and views?

What can we do to make sure everyone's voice can be heard and respected?

Think about a time where you felt your opinion was heard and valued - how did this make you feel?

Sentence starters:

Use 'Because...' to justify your answer... Can you think of other ways to explain your thoughts?

If you **agree** or **disagree**, remember to use the sentence starter to make sure you start your sentence respectfully...

I disagree because...

I agree because...

In school, we use talk tactics to help us extend our thinking and discuss our ideas respectfully:

Instigate

Present an idea or open up a new line of inquiry



“ I would like to start by saying ____

“ I think ____

“ We haven't yet talked about ____

Instigate

Build

Develop, add to or elaborate on an idea.



“ Building on X's idea ____

“ I agree and would like to add ____

“ X's idea made me think ____

Build

Challenge

Disagree or present an alternative argument



“ I disagree because ____

“ To challenge you X, I think ____

“ I understand your point of view, but have you thought about ____?

Challenge

Probe

Dig deeper, ask for evidence or justification of ideas



“ Why do you think ____?

“ What evidence do you have to support X idea?

“ Could you provide an example?

Probe