

## **Speech, Language & Communication Difficulties**

*To take in/listen to, process, make sense of language and use language to communicate in sentences and socially. There are a range of different areas /skills that might be affected, some in isolation but others are co-occurring:*

*Attention & Listening, Understanding of language & working auditory memory, meaning(vocab/word meanings), Structure and rules of language involving syntax and speech sound, social communication*

The SEN department uses a key resource which is a book called 'Language for Learning' by S. Hayden & E. Jordan. They also use an online assessment package for speech & language called Speech/Language Link which recommends a range of support strategies.

### **Useful websites:**

[www.speechlink.co.uk](http://www.speechlink.co.uk) (assessment package used by SEN department)

[www.afasic.org.uk](http://www.afasic.org.uk)

[www.naplic.org.uk](http://www.naplic.org.uk)

[www.ican.org.uk](http://www.ican.org.uk)

[www.thecommunicationtrust.org](http://www.thecommunicationtrust.org)

[www.communicationhelppoint.org.uk](http://www.communicationhelppoint.org.uk)

[www.speechteach.co.uk](http://www.speechteach.co.uk)

[www.talkingpoint.org.uk](http://www.talkingpoint.org.uk)