Dear Parents,

Talk The Talk Speech Pathology is thrilled to continue to provide speech pathology services to St Jerome’s this year.

As well as assisting your children with their speech, language and social skills, did you know that speech pathologists can provide vital input for development of literacy skills? We are able to work in conjunction with your child’s classroom teacher to assist your child with their reading and writing. Our team of speech pathologists will assess where the breakdown is occurring in your child’s reading and writing and plan therapy to assist them. For many children, the level of breakdown occurs in their oral language skills (speaking and understanding), which means that they do not have a strong enough foundation on which to develop their reading and writing skills.

Over the next few weeks we will give you some handy tips to assist your child in their literacy development. This week we have compiled a list of websites designed for parents to understand their child’s literacy development and assist their child in areas they are having difficulty:

- [https://dsf.net.au/learning-to-read/](https://dsf.net.au/learning-to-read/)

Keep an eye out in the next newsletter for some tips on how to assist your child in developing the pre-literacy skills they need before they begin to read and write 😊

Kind regards, The Talk The Talk Speech Therapy team