

NELI PRESCHOOL

Nuffield Early Language Intervention [NELI] Preschool is a 20-week evidence-based language intervention programme for all children, with additional targeted support for children with the weakest oral language skills based on shared reading and guided play.

WHY ORAL LANGUAGE?

Oral language skills are the foundation of our entire curriculum, including literacy, numeracy and writing. They are also vital to build healthy personal, social and emotional skills. The NELI Preschool programme supports the development of vocabulary, narrative skills and active listening.



2021/22 TRIAL RESULTS

Children who received NELI Preschool made **3 months' additional progress** in overall language skills compared to those who did not receive the programme. It was highly regarded for acceptability, feasibility, and fidelity.



KEY COMPONENTS

NELI Preschool includes **CPD-certified online training** (8-10 hours), a quick, **reliable assessment tool of language skills** (LanguageScreen), **whole class enrichment and intervention** resource pack (digital and physical resources), beautiful Nosy Crow **books**, and **mentoring** from language specialists.



TESTIMONIAL

“We have been blown away by the progress that children are making as a result of NELI Preschool. Their confidence to express themselves is the most noticeable.”
-Y. Langan, Rosebuds Day Nursery



REGISTER NOW!

Recruitment is open for a large-scale trial happening from September 2024 to 2025. To be eligible, the nursery must be **PVI or state-maintained**, have **14 or more children attending for 15+ hours**, and **not planning** to participate in other EEF or similar trials. Visit our website for more information.



Register your interest here:
oxedandassessment.com/uk/neli-preschool/

NELI PRESCHOOL TRIAL

TIMELINE

NELI Preschool is being evaluated with a *randomised controlled trial (RCT)*. Find out more how RCTs work and why they are the 'gold standard' of educational research by scanning the QR code!



SETTINGS SIGN UP TO PARTICIPATE

Settings sign MoUs and are officially recruited by OxEd.

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JANUARY - JULY 2024

OCTOBER 2024

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LANGUAGESCREEN

All settings do LanguageScreen with all 3 - 4 years olds. OxEd supports with tech.

GROUP ALLOCATION

HALF of the settings are randomly assigned to do NELI Preschool. The other half continue 'business as usual', without NELI Preschool.

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NOVEMBER 2024

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2024

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ONLINE TRAINING

Settings allocated to receive NELI Preschool do the NELI Preschool training online. OxEd does tech checks with settings.

INTERVENTION DELIVERY

Settings allocated to receive NELI Preschool deliver the intervention and some participate in interviews, observations and attendance logs.

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JANUARY - JULY 2025

JUNE - JULY 2025

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NFER GOES INTO SETTINGS

NFER evaluators go in to ALL settings to do LanguageScreen endline assessments

END OF TRIAL

Trial ends July 2025. Settings who were 'business as usual' on the trial are offered £1000 or the NELI Preschool programme

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SEPTEMBER 2025

JOIN THE NELI PRESCHOOL COMMUNITY!

*"I love it - this is by far **the best intervention I've done**, because of the focus on special words and embedding them so the children can use them - I know how vital that is."*



*"It is a **shared learning experience**. Everyone is involved in the intervention. The children are interacting so much. Connections are being made across the setting and at home."*

