

Rainbow Talking Boxes (EL00147) and Talking Mystery Box (EL00148) instructions.

The Rainbow talking boxes and the mystery boxes can both record up to a ten second message. To record a message, press the “Rec” button and speak clearly into the microphone (located under the lid). To play back the recorded message, press the “Play” button (Mystery box) or simply open the lid (Rainbow talking boxes). Please note that the Rainbow talking boxes (EL00147) are fitted with an on/off switch which is located under the lid at the front. Please ensure the switch is set to “off” when not in use to conserve the batteries.

Both boxes have a “wipe clean” surface suitable for use with dry wipe marker pens

Some ideas for using the recordable boxes:

- Number Boxes - Place numerals in the box and then sequence into a number line
- Open Ended Discussions – Provide reasons to Talk (ECAT) place items inside such as a tiny dragon, an egg, a star, an alien and discuss ‘where it is from’ and ‘what type of material it is made from’.
- Materials – Place different type of materials in the box and record or write a clue to what it is inside the box such as ‘I’m shiny and cutlery is made of this’
- Photographs – Who am I - place photographs inside the box such as a photo of the school cook and write a message on the front saying ‘I cook your school meal’ or place a photo of the play ground assistant and write a message saying ‘I help at lunchtimes.’ You may also want to add an extra description if you have a Talking Mystery Box as well as writing a message on the front you can also record a message (play button located on the front on the box) such as I have long red hair or I am in class 4
- Primary Languages – Adapt the games to different languages for example for a dog record ‘Chien’ and then ask the children what’s inside and then place a plastic dog inside
- Letters – What do I begin with – either record or write on a message saying ‘I am a cat’ and place inside the letter ‘C’
- Money – Place some coins inside the box and write a message on the front of the box saying how much is inside?
- Other activities you can link the boxes to: Treasure Trail, Nursery Rhymes, Rainbow Match Game with the different coloured boxes

