



Tuesday 14th October, 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. I would like to extend my thanks to you for attending Parents' Evening last week. It was a wonderful opportunity to share your child's impressive work and to discuss how well they have settled into Year 6.

During our discussion, I aimed to highlight not only the children's adjustment to this academic year but also any interventions children are participating in to support their learning. We also touched on homework and sought your invaluable feedback on how we might further enhance their learning environment. Thank you for all your support.

In recent weeks, I have noticed that some children are struggling to see things clearly on the board. We highly recommend that if your child has not had one recently, you arrange for your them to have an eye check-up to identify any potential difficulties. Early detection can significantly assist in children's overall learning experience, and we find that this is a common age for vision changes.

Several parents also asked about a stationery list. All stationery is provided for children by school, but if you wish for children to have their own items to look after in preparation for secondary school, here is a suggested list of items that children use regularly:

- Pencil case
- Glue stick
- Blue handwriting pen (ink, not a Biro)
- Purple ball point pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Sharpener
- Whiteboard pen
- Coloured pencils

Please note that this is completely optional. There is no expectation for you to provide stationery for your child to use in school.

I would also like to remind you of some ways in which you can support your child's learning at home. A spelling list is sent home every Friday, accompanied by a review of the previous week's spellings. We incorporate these into our English lessons through flashback activities, allowing for daily practice. Your involvement in helping

with their homework, specifically discussing spelling strategies, would be immensely beneficial. It is also important to allocate time for rehearsing times tables. A quick 10-minute daily review can significantly enhance children's understanding and retention, especially if they have not reached a green status on their Times Table Rockstars chart. Encouraging your child to engage in regular reading (and logging it on Boom Reader) is also important. Research indicates that reading for 20 minutes at least four times a week can greatly improve children's vocabulary and fluency.

Additionally, keeping an open dialogue with your child about any difficulties they may be experiencing, both academic and social, will enable us to provide targeted support effectively. Please do not hesitate to inform us if your child is facing challenges with a specific topic or lesson; we are here to assist in any way we can.

Thank you once again for your continued support and the important part that you play in your child's education. Together, we can help them flourish in their learning journey.

Kind regards,



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