

Dear Parents / Carers,

The children have made a fantastic start to the year and we are happy they have settled so well. Thank-you for all your continued support. We know parents are always very keen to support their children at home and we hope this letter will be helpful in supporting you to do this.

One of the best ways to do this is simply talking with your child about their day and their learning experiences. One of our whole school priorities is to develop children's use of high quality talk in the classroom to support independent and collaborative learning. Ensuring they are consistently using full sentences to express themselves will also develop their confidence as capable speakers.

Reading

Reading should always be an enjoyable, shared experience where children develop a love of books and stories. Please continue to read and share a range of books with your child, encouraging them to talk about events, characters and illustrations. Also, ask them how characters might be feeling.

Please aim to read with your child at least three to four times per week, writing a single, brief comment in their Homework diary for each time. This way we know they have read with you.

Their books will be changed once we can see they have read it at home all the way to the end with you.

To facilitate this please ensure the Homework Diary is with your child each day along with the reading book they are reading so it can be checked and movement on the reading trees can be accurate. Please make sure books are returned to school because if they are not returned back to school it diminishes the resources we have and children may not be able to enjoy them.

Many thanks

Mr Bruce

Key Stage 2 Phase Leader