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Dear Parent/Carer

Bedrock Vocabulary

We have invested in an innovative literacy improvement tool called Bedrock Vocabulary. It is a website that helps children to learn very important academic vocabulary. Did you know that children with wide vocabularies make excellent progress at school and in further education?

As your child progresses through the Bedrock programme, they will study hundreds of words, whilst reading fiction and non-fiction texts regularly. They will also fill in an online vocabulary notebook to practise using this vocabulary, and you can see and edit this yourself! This will benefit them in a range of subject areas across the school.

Your child will complete two Bedrock Vocabulary session per week set as homework. These sessions typically last around 15 minutes, and are set so that they are spaced throughout the week, in order to ensure that your child's exposure to new vocabulary is frequent and sustained. Your child can complete their Bedrock work on most digital devices including smart phones, tablets and laptops.

Why not help your child to make even greater progress by logging on to see how they are getting on? **This week your child will be given a letter addressed to you that will contain instructions and an access code that will enable you log on to the Bedrock Website.** Through this you will be able to check that your child is keeping up to date with their allocated sessions. You will also be able to view the vocabulary your child is learning, which we encourage you to use in conversation at home. As each post-test is completed, data will appear in the dashboard.

Bedrock Vocabulary is a powerful tool in helping to equip your child with the deep vocabulary knowledge needed for the increasingly demanding curriculum. It will also provide your child with confidence to use a wider range of words which will open up further opportunities for them in everyday life.

Your support in ensuring that your child is making the most of this resource is both vital and appreciated.

Yours sincerely,



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