

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are pleased to inform you that this year our school has subscribed to a new online vocabulary learning programme, **Vocabulous**. All students in your child's class will be using this resource regularly as part of their English language learning.

At our school, we believe that building a strong vocabulary is one of the foundations of academic success. A rich vocabulary not only helps children to express themselves more clearly and confidently in speaking and writing, but it also improves their reading comprehension and supports learning in every subject area. By expanding their word knowledge, students become more effective learners and better prepared for future studies.

Vocabulous is based on teaching Latin and Greek roots, prefixes and suffixes in English words. Learning Latin and Greek roots is especially important for students' vocabulary development because these roots form the building blocks of a large number of English words. When students understand the meaning of common roots, prefixes, and suffixes, they can often work out the meaning of unfamiliar words they encounter in reading, science, maths, and other subjects. For example, knowing that geo means "earth" and graph means "to write" helps students understand words like geography and autograph. This knowledge not only increases word recognition and comprehension but also gives students strategies to decode and remember new vocabulary, making them more confident, independent learners.

How Vocabulous works

- Each child will have their own login details and will complete engaging vocabulary activities on the website.
- The students will work through one lesson each week, learning a particular root, prefix or suffix pattern. The content will be taught in class and students will complete quizzes either in school or at home.
- Teachers will monitor progress and celebrate achievements as part of classroom learning.

How you can support at home

- Encourage your child to log in at www.vocabulous.co.uk and complete the set activities each week if they have been set as homework. The website can be accessed on a computer, tablet or mobile.
- Take an interest in the new words they are learning—ask them to explain words to you or use them in sentences.
- Praise their effort and progress to help build confidence and motivation.
- As ever, please do carefully supervise your child when they use the internet.

We are confident that the **Vocabulous** programme will make a positive difference in your child's learning journey this year. Login information will be sent home with your child.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our students develop a love of language and learning. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

