



BEDROCK LEARNING

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to ask for your support in promoting the use of Bedrock Learning at home. Students at Stoke Damerel Community College have access to this innovative literacy improvement tool. It is a website that helps children to learn very important academic vocabulary, whilst encouraging them to read regularly. Building a wider vocabulary is a key part of improving a student's performance in English as well as in their other subjects.

As your child progresses through the curriculum, 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!

Bedrock can be accessed via any device with access to the internet – a PC, Chromebook, mobile phone or tablet. We require all students to do at least 2 lessons a week as part of their English homework. Each lesson should take approximately 20 minutes to complete. These lessons are bespoke to individual students as Bedrock is able to assess the starting point for each student and assign them vocabulary accordingly.

Every class has a weekly celebratory podium and students receive postcards if they are engaging particularly impressively with Bedrock. In addition there is a class leaderboard and a trophy which classes compete to win. You will also have noticed that progress in Bedrock forms part of our reporting home.

We really appreciate the support of parents and carers in encouraging children to engage fully with Bedrock so that they maximise their progress in this important area of their learning. Hopefully you will notice that students are using new, and sometimes quite surprising and sophisticated words, as they expand their vocabularies!

Yours sincerely

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