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Dear Parents,

The Spring Term is well underway and children have started their new learning topics. Our website provides information about the subjects and topics being taught in each year group this term and I thought it would be useful to update you on how the school is providing additional support for learning.

Interventions

To support progress of children in reading, writing and maths, over the spring term a programme of interventions have been organised in all year groups. Many of our children, from a range of abilities will be taking part in one or more of our interventions in the next few weeks. Interventions are planned for children from all ability levels and focus on teaching specific aspects of the curriculum to help children secure, extend and apply their learning.

Maths interventions will mainly focus on arithmetic; knowledge of 4 rules, place value, tables and writing on sentence structure. Reading interventions may support basic skills or may help children to secure skills such as inference and deduction. Some interventions are aimed at developing learning behaviour e.g. the Yr. 6 Resilience Programme and the secondary transition project.

Interventions are planned by class teachers, delivered either by the teacher themselves or by one of our trained support staff and are timetabled across the school day or held after school. Some interventions are taught weekly in longer sessions e.g. 'Booster' classes, others in shorter sessions of 15-20 minutes up to 3 times a week. A programme of intervention will usually run for between 6-10 weeks.

Home Learning

Thank you to all parents for supporting our home learning expectations. The focus of home learning has been adjusted slightly this term to include maths as a weekly expectation.

In years 3, 4 and 5 children will have a weekly maths task and spellings. We expect all children to read regularly at home and hope parents will support them to take part in the Spring term reading challenge.

In year 6 children will alternate weekly between a maths task or literacy task, spellings and reading task.

A reminder that Home Learning is given on Thursday and should be returned by Tuesday. If you have any questions regarding any of our interventions or home learning please speak to the class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Lovelock
Head Teacher