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Dear Parents & Carers,

In a recent Padnell Post we let you know that we were reviewing our Home learning opportunities in line with the varying parental feedback we have received over the year. We want to find a way to make this manageable, supportive and accessible for all whilst making a difference to the learning of the children.

Read to Succeed – All Children

As you will already be aware we ask that your child reads 4 times in a week and you record this in their reading diaries. These are counted every Friday morning and celebrated in assembly. Those families who manage this all half term are rewarded with a little treat for their efforts. **Reception** children will start this when they get their first book on Friday 26th September, after the reading and phonics workshop for parents on Thursday 25th September at 2pm.

Reception Families

As well as reading books both real and online, your child will bring home every Friday 'Phonic Flashcards and 'tricky' words to learn on a treasury tag in their book bag. Finally, on a Monday you will receive 5 little tips to engage with during the week with your child, which you can pick and mix from, to help your child become confident and engaged learners, should you wish to.

Key Stage One Families (years 1 and 2) **(starting 29th September)**

What three words – each week your child will get 3 words which we would encourage you to help them practice spelling at home. If you would like to take this further, it is always a good idea to give these to the children in a sentence, so they get a sense of meaning and this also provides an opportunity to practice sentence formation and handwriting. We will not be testing these words in isolation but instead will be celebrating the correct spelling of these words in their writing with verbal praise.

Fluency – To be a secure mathematician it is important your child is able to recall number facts as quickly as possible. Therefore, each Monday your child will come home with a fluency sheet based on learning they have been doing in class. They will then complete, independently, the same sheet in class on a Friday.

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GROWing Together

We are now moving on to review the opportunities we provide for you to come in and learn alongside your child or celebrate their achievements. We appreciate not all parents will be able to attend all activities and try to be mindful of those children who don't have an adult available to come in, but we are trying to respond to the feedback parents gave at our mid-year parents evening and find a workable compromise.

Look out for more information on the Padnell Post in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Mandy Grayson
Headteacher

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Resilient learner
Original thinker
Wise worker