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YR and 1 Early Reading Workshop – Tuesday 14th November, 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

You are invited to attend our Early Reading workshop for reception and year 1 on Tuesday 14th November, 2023 at 2.30pm. Phonics is a crucial part of the reception and year 1 curriculum and I would strongly urge you to attend the meeting to gain an insight into your child's day to day learning and to see how you can best support your child at home.

What is phonics?

Phonics is a method of teaching children how to read. Reading truly is the key to academic and emotional success. Phonics is a staple part of your child's journey, with the children being formally assessed in phonics throughout the year. Y1 Children will also sit a statutory phonics check during the academic year.

What are the benefits of attending the workshop?

There isn't simply one way of teaching phonics. Each school is able to choose their own phonics programme out of a list of validated programmes from the DfE. Although the goal of each programme remains the same (to teach the children to read), how the programmes run on a day-to-day basis differ significantly. Having an understanding of the programme that we use is crucial to your child's success. As a school, we follow Read Write Inc for our phonics. By attending the session, you will:

- Be able to explore what phonics is.
- Be able to explore how Read Write Inc works and encounter the RWI specific language that you may hear your child say.
- Be able to watch and understand how we teach phonics in school and be able to use this knowledge to further extend your child's learning at home.
- Receive an abundance of advice and resources relating to home support and how you can ensure you are increasing your child's chances of becoming a strong reader.
- Gain an understanding of the phonics checks and assessments that your child will have throughout the year.

The year 1 teachers will be delivering the Y1 workshop in their classroom, with the reception teachers delivering their workshop in their classroom. If you have children in both year groups, I would suggest attending year 1 as it will detail the upcoming Y1 phonics check, and presumably, you are familiar with reception phonics from last year.

Please enter the school playground on Tuesday 14th November at 2.25pm and you will be invited into your child's classroom for a 2.30pm start. The meeting will finish by 3pm and you will then be invited to leave back onto the playground and your children will filter out shortly afterwards.

We really do hope to see you at our meeting. I can't stress enough how beneficial attending the session would be.

Best wishes,

Mr Hanlon and Mrs Boyham.
English Leads.