

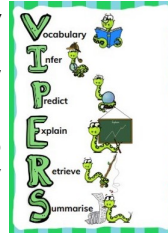
Dear Families,

What a week of growth! The children are fully immersed in their learning. They are thoroughly enjoying the range of books we have deliberately chosen which match their interests, link with their topics and promote diversity.

Reading

We carried out whole-school monitoring of reading this week and can already see the impact that the new ELS phonics scheme is having in Reception and Year 1. Children are clearly enjoying their lessons and learning from this new approach. Have they shown you their 'robot arms' yet?!

We also observed how children in KS2 are using the 'VIPERS' approach to help them to comprehend (make sense of) what they are reading in a variety of different ways, shown here on the right:



With regards to reading at home, I regret that there have been some unavoidable delays as we transitioned to new systems and processes; sincerest thanks for your patience and understanding as we worked behind the scenes to resolve issues. The upgraded Accelerated Reader platform should shortly be accessible for all fluent readers, and children in YR and Y1 now have access to the brand new Oxford Owl e-book library which supports their phonics learning.

We have overhauled our library and reading areas and have a large number of books which we no longer require. The **books will be out in the main entrance every day next week**; please come and help yourself so that your child might enjoy them at home. No payment is required, however if you would like to donate a coin or two towards some new books for school we'd be very grateful!



A reminder of our Phonics Information Session for YR/Y1 parents/carers next Thursday 28th September at 9:00am. Please come to the main entrance after drop-off. The session will take place in the hall. Slides will be shared via ParentMail afterwards if you are not able to attend.



Illness

We are seeing a few coughs, colds and bugs on the rise in school which is to be expected as children acclimatise to being back at school and as the weather changes. Please use the NHS guidance if you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Reminders:

- Children should remain off school for **48 hours** after the **last** episode of sickness or diarrhoea (not the first)
- If your child **tests positive for Covid-19**, they should stay at home for **3 days** from the date of the test. If they still have a temperature or feel unwell after the 3 days, they should stay off school until they feel well enough to return.

Key events next week:

Mon 25th Sept	Rags to Riches—please bring bags to main entrance Mon-Fri	
Tues 26th Sept		
Wed 27th Sept		Y6 swimming
Thurs 28th Sept		YR/Y1 Phonics Info Event 9am
Fri 29th Sept		Lifesaving Skills Workshop in school for Y5/Y6

Best wishes for a peaceful weekend,

Mrs Lois Smith
Headteacher

Our Vision Award winners this week:

Reception: Sienna

Y1: Poppy

Y2: Daisy S

Y3: William

Y4: Zach

Y5: Bradley

Y6: Jenna



Our Value Award winners this week:

Reception: Andrew

Y1: Felicia

Y2: Mikee

Y3: Violet

Y4: Ryan

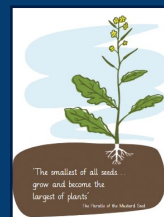
Y5: Poppy

Y6: Thomas



Newsletter

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'The smallest of all seeds... grow and become the largest of plants'

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

Our Christian Values

Hope

Compassion

Courage

Forgiveness

Respect

Responsibility



Enabling all to flourish

