

25<sup>th</sup> September 2020

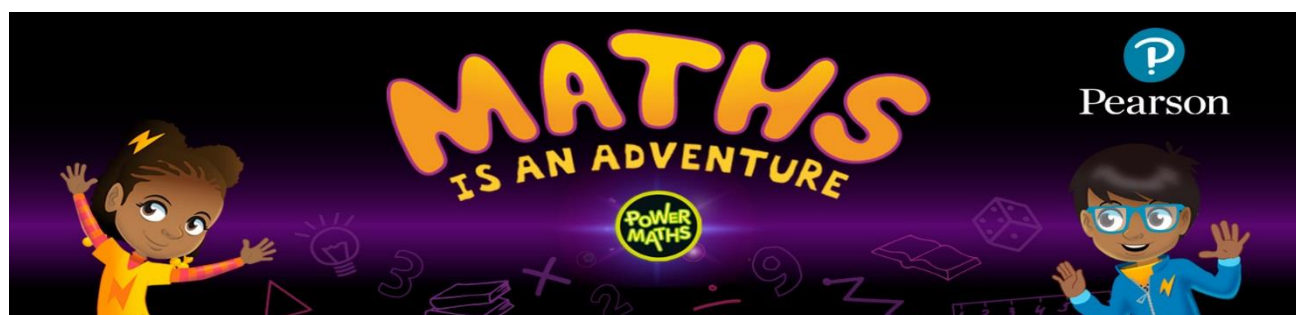
Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s)

The children have continued to do you proud this week with their positivity and dedication in class. We know that the changes that we have been forced to implement have meant that we have all had to be that little more flexible and do really appreciate the support from the whole community related to these alterations. **Please do make sure during pick up and drop off that you keep to your designated times and maintain a safe 2m distance from each other.** We also must ensure that we keep each other safe by avoiding congregating at the entrance / exit onto Turlin Road, as waiting here can cause a bunching of people which results in distancing being incredibly difficult.

### Power Maths

We have now implemented a new whole school mastery approach to maths teaching using the 'Power Maths' methodology. The children have completely new text and exercise books to complement the approach, which uses different characters to explore all areas of maths. The children are really enjoying learning using the resources, which are based on real life examples using a problem solving approach.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z4jiZj28C48>



### Child Flu Vaccinations

Guidance from the NHS is clear in the importance of children receiving flu vaccinations this Autumn. We have these booked for 13<sup>th</sup> November. Letters will be coming out to you prior to this date but please note that this year's vaccinations are opt in – permission will need to be provided.

### Reading

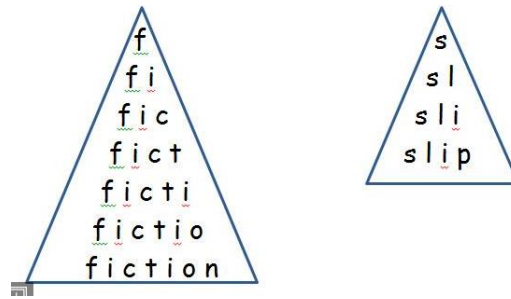
Currently we are giving out reading books on Mondays and collecting on Fridays. This is due to needing to have a 48 hour window between books being received and then going to a different home. You should have also received login details for Oxford Owl online reading to provide further 'books' to read. If you are having difficulty accessing this program, do let us know so that we can support. The school expectation is that children read at least 3 times a week at home. Please sign / initial their diaries to record this.

### Spelling

In Years 1-6, the pupils will have individual spellings written in their diaries to practice for a test during the following week. Practising at home will really support them to achieve in this area. There are a number of different strategies that can support the learning of spelling, including:



Rainbow Spelling



Pyramid Spelling

**Exercise books**

High Expectations Lead to High Achievers! The children have really enjoyed using their new exercise books which are bespoke to our school.



**School Photos**

The school photos scheduled for this term have been postponed due to the challenges in arranging all categories of photos in the context of our Covid-19 risk assessment. We will reschedule when we are able to.

**Parental Support Group for parents with SEND children**

The 'Doors Open' group offers face to face support in a Covid-safe venue weekly on Fridays from 9:30-11:30am in St Gabriel's Hall. Please contact Robyn using email [doors-open@outlook.com](mailto:doors-open@outlook.com) for further information.

**Attendance** – During the week commencing the 14<sup>th</sup> September, the class with the best attendance was 4KH. During the week commencing the 21<sup>st</sup> September, the class with the best attendance was RRL.

Weekly Class Attendance	14 <sup>th</sup> September	21 <sup>st</sup> September
RAD	95.27%	92.67%
RRL	97.54%	100%
1SW	95.03%	98.06%
2LW	91.76%	92.78%
2MA	89.88%	91.07%
3HC	96.21%	93%
3NT	94.27%	89.93%
4KH	98.23%	97.67%
5JW	91.13%	92.61%
5TE	96.17%	91.43%
6BC	86.26%	92.89%
6RM	89.34%	98.48%

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