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Dialogic Literary Gatherings (DLG)

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As a school we have been running Dialogic Literary Gatherings across the school for a year now and felt it would be a good time to evaluate and review how these are going and whether any changes needed to be made to this area of learning.

Following these discussions we have decided to retain DLG in Key Stage 2 (Year 3/4 and Year 5/6) and you should expect your child to come home over the next week or so with their DLG book and a section to read and discuss the following week at school. We do feel that some of the classic texts used haven't been as accessible to the children as we would like so will think very carefully about ensuring the texts chosen moving forwards are carefully selected to enthuse and encourage the children to take part actively. The texts will though remain a 'classic text' as the research is clear that children being exposed to such texts and their language is really beneficial to both their reading and writing.

I would like to stress the importance that children do complete this reading at home either independently or even better alongside an adult so they are able to contribute to the gathering that takes place the following week. When children don't complete the reading, they are unfortunately able to contribute little to the gathering and therefore learn very little from the gathering.

In Key Stage 1 and the Early Years, we have found DLG more difficult to run successfully as it has been difficult for children from these year groups to retain what they have read at home in order to be able to contribute to whole class discussions as part of the gathering. We have therefore decided to replace DLG in these classes with a classic text story time which will take place regularly in school. During these sessions the teacher will read the text to the children but will also engage in quality discussion about what is being read to ensure children continue to retain these experiences. Class teachers will be happy to share with you the text they have chosen so you are very welcome and encouraged to purchase a copy of this text and read it at home to supplement the storytelling sessions taking place in school. Please speak to Mrs Walker or Mrs Laycock if you would like to know what they are currently reading to their classes.

Yours sincerely