



# ACADEMY UPDATE

For parents and carers

## JANUARY 2018

Dear parents and carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to share with you Weston Mill Community Primary Academy school priorities for the Spring Term. These have been determined following assessments and reviews of teaching and learning at the end of the Autumn Term and aim to further develop our school's effectiveness.

Over the next two terms we will be focusing on the following:

- Raising the opportunities for children to explore new vocabulary and texts, and developing their inference skills to understand the writers style of writing. This would be greatly supported by continuing to read with your child/ren at home as much as possible, and where the opportunity arises discussing new vocabulary and its meaning.
- Develop children's fluency of writing, in context and presentation, to show the skills that they have been learning. If opportunities arise for the children to write at home (thank you card, invitations, stories, making labels) this would be wonderful to embrace.
- Making links and opportunities for children to focus on the mathematical skills they need to solve a problem, building on prior learning, and pushing themselves to take a risk. When at home, encouraging children to cook, measure, shop with you will develop contextual use of maths in a fun way.
- Within Early Years to ensure that all children are exposed to a range of vocabulary to enable their learning in all areas to progress. Talking to each other, sharing stories, ideas and experiences are all part of this and we hope that with continued support from our Foundation parents, this will develop and flourish with our children.

These will be reviewed again at the end of the Spring Term and a further update will follow at the beginning of the Summer Term.

I would like to thank you for your continued support for our school and your engagement with any learning opportunities that your child undertakes. We will be sending out our annual school reports on **Wednesday 28th March** and once again there will be an opportunity for you to share your comments and discuss your child's progress further by attending one of the parent evenings, which will follow early in Term 5. These dates will be shared on the newsletter in due course.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alison Nettleship".

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