



Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Dear Parents,

### Developing Children's Vocabulary

One of the areas of focus for the whole school this year is the development of children's vocabulary and language skills. A wide vocabulary and good use and understanding of language will support your child as they progress through the school; from early reading to writing their own stories.

In Reception we will be supporting the children to learn new words by identifying key vocabulary that would help them to express themselves in their speaking and writing. We will help the children to understand the meaning of words, introduce them to a range of words that have the same or similar meaning and help them to learn the context in which these words can be used.

Every half term, we will send home a list of our key vocabulary together with book suggestions and ideas for how you could support your child's learning at home. Most of the books are well known and should be available for you to borrow from local libraries if you do not already have your own copy. Sharing stories with your child is an excellent way to increase their vocabulary, develop their listening skills and introduce them to a regular reading pattern which will be essential in their Reception year.

Attached are the details for this half term.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the Reception team.

Kind regards,

Mrs Morrison, Mrs Misik and Mrs Swift