Dear Parent/Carers

These are the School Improvement targets for this year (2016-18). The whole school is working on these improvements but we need your help to support your child.

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| What we are trying to improve | How we will do this in school | **How you can support your child** |
| **Attendance – children coming to school every day, ready to learn and on time** | * Provide an exciting curriculum
* Support those children and families who are experiencing difficulties coming into school every day or are habitually late.
* Monitor children and groups of children, and look for patterns in lateness and absence
* Challenge absence and lateness and offer support where we can
* Inform Parent/carers of their child’s % attendance if below 95%
 | * **Only keep your child at home if they are really ill**
* **Do not request leave from learning for holidays, birthday treats or parties**
* **Make sure your child arrives on time, ready for the school day**
* **Encourage independence and responsibility**
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| **Continue to improve spelling and phonics** | * Teach phonics systematically
* Teach Key Words and Common Exception Words
* Give children opportunities to practice and apply their skills and knowledge
* Give children feedback on how well they are doing and support them to improve
 | * **Practice spelling and phonics at home**
* **Valuing writing and encourage children to have a go at writing lists, cards, stories etc**
* **Encourage children to spell Key Words correctly**
* **Play spelling games**
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| **Continue to raise standards in reading** | * Teach children to use their phonic skills to read
* Read to the children so that they foster a love of books
* Get children excited about reading and teach them to apply their skills
* Help children to understand why it is important to be able to read.
* Read for a whole variety of reasons and share their skills with others.
 | * **Read with your child at home and write in their reading contact book**
* **Share stories and non-fiction books and information with your child**
* **Use the Book Club website**
* **Read in the real world – show children the importance of reading street signs, football scores, directions etc**
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| **Continue to raise standards in maths**THE BOAT small | * Children to be taught mathematical concepts so that they can meet their maths targets
* Children will be taught their number bonds and times tables
* Children will be challenged in their mathematical thinking to apply their skills in a variety of ways – we call this “Divergent Thinking”
* We will help children to apply their maths knowledge in a variety of ways so that they understand that maths is used in everyday life and is needed for employment.
 | * **Play card games and board games so that children have the opportunity to learn/practice maths in a social context**
* **Help children to form their numbers correctly and look for numbers when out and about.**
* **Support children in learning number bonds, times tables and other mathematical concepts, and showing them how to use this knowledge in real life ie pairing socks, laying the table etc**
* **Use Doodle maths website**
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