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** |
| **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** |
| **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** |
| **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** |