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Reading Update

This term, our focus is to improve our children's ability to read fluently. At the end of Key Stage 1, a child should be expected to read at 90 words a minute to be considered a fluent reader. Our teachers have been taking part in an activity with some children called "echo reading" to help them read more fluently. In "echo reading", the child listens to the adult read the text aloud before reading it themselves. This helps the child to recognise any unfamiliar words and develop their expression. Over time, this should help the child to increase the number of words that they can read in one minute. If you want to help your child to read fluently at home and you need more information about "echo reading", please speak to your child's class teacher.

Admissions

The application period for a nursery place for the next academic year, which starts in September 2022, is still open. If your child is due to start nursery next September, please telephone our office to ask for an application form. The completed forms should be returned to the academy by Friday, 18th February 2022. We will let parents know whether their child has a place at our academy by Friday, 25th March 2022. More details can be found in the Admissions Arrangements policy which is on the school website under the "Policies" section.

Word of the Month

We must encourage our children to learn and use new words. Each month, the children are introduced to a special word. Below, you will find the word of the month for each class in February:

- Year 1 - haul
- Year 2 - epic
- Year 3 - jubilant
- Year 4 - refuge
- Year 5 - exquisite
- Year 6 - uninhabited

We hope that our children can soon tell each other what the word means, use it correctly in their work and spell it correctly in their writing. Please encourage your child to use the word of the month at home.

Attendance

The table below shows the attendance for each class last week. Well done to years 1 and 5 for having an attendance of more than 98%! Each week, our whole-school attendance should be at least 96%.

Upper Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
92.76%	98.15%	94.44%	95.56%	92.98%	98.46%	91.22%	94.81%

Year 6

Next week, the children will be doing their practice SAT tests. Please make sure your child comes to school every day because their practice tests will prepare them for the tests they take in May.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Johnson
Headteacher

