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Dear families,

I am writing to inform you about our English Curriculum and how you can help at home.

Our curriculum

We use Literacy Tree English scheme for our English Curriculum. [How it works | Literacy Tree.](#)

Literacy tree is a book based scheme that uses high quality texts to introduce literary concepts, spelling and grammar.

At EYFS, we focus on letter formation, early sentences, phonics and reading and oracy. As we move through Year 1 – 6 we use a core of key texts. These are detailed in the attached curriculum maps.

Oracy is a key component of our English curriculum. Speaking in full sentences, using precise vocabulary is key to successful reading and writing.

How can I help my child?

Reading is the key to our curriculum. Daily, quality reading time with an adult has the greatest single impact on a child's English progress. Choose good books and read with your child, either to them, with them or listen to them. Speak about the book and ask questions. Ensure the book is appropriate and suited to their reading ability. Younger children can be encouraged to read text around them, in shops, signs and posters.

Focusing on core oracy also has significant benefits – speaking clearly in full sentences with accurate language significantly improves children's writing at a later stage. Discuss what words mean, where they might be used and where they come from.

Find opportunities to write for purpose and pleasure. Children love writing lists, cards, notes and letters. Encourage children to write what they know about a topic for non-fiction writing. Initially, don't get too bogged down in spelling and grammar – allow creativity to flow, but ensure you go back and edit writing if you intend to share it.

Phonics workshops

Look out for information on phonics workshops – we'd love to show you how we teach phonics and what you can do to help.

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