

# Lickey Hills Primary School & Nursery

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Dear Y6 Parents,

Thank you for your attendance at parents evening this week. It was good to see so many of you and for our teachers to have the opportunity to share the progress the children have made already as well as their maths and English targets for the coming terms.

During Year 6 the teachers and children will be prioritising their learning in literacy and theme lessons to improve fluency and accuracy in writing. The teachers; Miss Taylor and Mr Witcomb will be critiquing the children's work with them focussing on the specific elements of writing they need to improve. In the children's books you will have seen a VCOP sheet where the teacher breaks down the important elements of the writing as a prompt. The teacher and child then mark or assess against this criteria to identify strengths and weaknesses in the writing using their red and green pens. This process is well established across school and the impact of this is evident in our excellent writing outcomes by the end of Year 4 and particularly Year 6 where school is well above national figures compared to other schools. This process of drafting, editing and redrafting described above is completed with the children during lesson time. The deployment of a HLTA (Higher Level Teaching Assistant) in the Year group allows teachers to work on a 1:1 basis with pupils throughout the year without impacting on learning in other areas. This dedicated time provides an ideal opportunity for the teachers to enhance writing with individual pupils. The 1:1 mentoring sessions will be for short periods of time over the year, it is not a group work approach. Through this we aim to ensure as many pupils as possible are given specific time in which to focus with their teacher and be clear about what they need to do to move their writing on.

School have focussed for the last three years on developing writing. It is an area of strength by the end of Year 6 and the editing and redrafting process, described above, requires children to be determined and ambitious in their learning. You can help by continuing to encourage your children to read a wide

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range of books (Feed the Read- ask your children!) and by learning the spellings sent home with them particularly the Year 5 and Year 6 words given to you this week at parents evening. These must be applied accurately in their writing in all areas including homelearning not just in spelling tests.

Our progress in writing has been successful because of consistently good teaching and your continued support with homelearning, reading and spelling. The pupils who make the most progress are often those who joined us from nursery or reception and remain with us through to Year 6 having the full 'Lickey Hills experience'.

If you have any questions please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance or Mrs Ray (AHT KS2 and writing leader) for further details.

Thank you again for the support you give your children so that we can ensure they meet their learning potential together.

Yours in learning,

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