

30th September 2022

Dear Parents, carers

The children across the school are settling well into life at Poulner Junior School. Thank you to all the parents that are supporting your child with their home learning and recording this in their school diary. This is valuable information for us that we will continue to monitor.

During the first two weeks at school your child has been assessed in their phonics and reading and using this data we have ensured that the curriculum meets their learning needs. Therefore, this week your child may have explained that they have been working with different staff members throughout their day.

This year we have also re-introduced spelling homework with words to practise for their weekly tests. It has been agreed by the senior leadership team, that some children will be accessing these spellings, whilst others will need additional resources for them to continue to improve their reading skills at home. If we are asking you to ensure frequent practice then please do not panic, but we know how important it is for us to close any remaining gaps from Covid lockdowns and the disruption it caused.

We are looking for parents volunteers to support specific children within the year groups to increase the frequency they read during the school week. Year 3 are particularly looking for volunteers on Monday and Tuesday afternoons, so please enquire at the School Office regarding the required induction meeting.

Listening to books and reading books themselves can bring great joy to children. Learning to read is an essential life skill and it acts as a gateway to learning the wider curriculum in full.

Quotes from our phonics scheme, Little Wandle, which illustrates the importance of learning to read accurately and fluently:

"Research shows that reading for 10 minutes per day can give children a year's of extra progress in reading."

"Reading is needed to access 85% of the curriculum"

We will be closely monitoring the children's progress and in the next few weeks we may be speaking with some parents to highlight the importance of reading regularly at home.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Jo Walker

Headteacher