Dear Parent or Carer,

We have invested in an innovative literacy improvement tool called Bedrock Vocabulary. It is a programme that helps children to learn very important academic vocabulary. We firmly believe that the development and acquisition of vocabulary is fundamental to your child becoming a better learner. As your child progresses through the curriculum, they will study hundreds of words, whilst reading fiction and non-fiction texts regularly. Vocabulary is important because it's the basis of all language. It's the raw building blocks that we can use to express our thoughts and ideas, share information, understand others and grow personal relationships.

We know that you will be keen to help your child improve their vocabulary acquisition. You can do this at home by encouraging and helping your child to engage with their Bedrock homework. You can also create your own Bedrock account to see how your child is progressing. Through this account you will be able see the vocabulary your child is learning, which we would encourage you to use in conversations at home.

If you have not already done so, you can head over to the site and create your own account now.

Step 1: Visit https://app.bedrocklearning.org.

Step 2: Click on the 'Parent/Teacher' tab.

Step 3: Complete the parent sign up sheet and enter the codes provided to you by the school and create an account.

Step 4: Check your email for your password, and then log in. Be sure to check your junk folder if no email arrives.

It would be extremely beneficial if you could check whether your child is up to date with their Bedrock lessons and support them to catch up if they not. Teachers will soon be selecting those students who will benefit from the after school catch up sessions held from 3pm - 3.30pm on allocated nights.

At the bottom of this letter, we have attached a student guidance sheet to help your child access the programme and understand the expectations with this homework. Please go through this sheet with your child if they need support in accessing the programme.

We are confident that your child will become a much better learner as they master the words that they encounter in the Bedrock programme. Thank you for your support with this.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. S. Wright

Bedrock Vocabulary Co-ordinator

Student Guidance - Bedrock Vocabulary

1. Log on to Bedrock Vocabulary - https://app.bedrocklearning.org/ (or Google 'Bedrock Vocabulary' and click on the first website).
2. Carefully type in your username and password – they are case sensitive i.e. no capital letters in the username, no spaces and some capital letters in the password.
3. Complete a pre-test for each new block of lesson – this shows you what words you knew before the lessons.
4. Complete 2 lessons a week – you must get 60% to pass a lesson and move onto the next. If you don't get the 60% pass rate the first time, keep trying – you'll get there!
5. Once the lessons in a block have been completed, complete a post-test which shows you how much progress you've made.
6. Move onto the next block of lessons.

Useful information:

- You have a unique username and password – keep it safe on page 14 of your planner.
- If you are struggling to log into Bedrock, double check that you are typing your username and password correctly – they are case sensitive.
- You must complete two Bedrock lessons per week – pre-tests and post-tests don't count as lessons.
- Class teachers are sent a report every Monday which shows your engagement and progress in the last week.
- Texts will be sent home if:
    1. You do not do your Bedrock homework.
    2. You have put a lot of effort into Bedrock or you have made a lot progress (rewards will also be given for this).
- If you continuously fail to do your Bedrock homework, you will be asked to attend the 'catch up' sessions which take place once a week after school.
- If something goes wrong with a lesson or your account on Bedrock, click the 'support' button and email Bedrock directly. You can also inform your class teacher.
- Parents and guardians have a unique code to create their own Bedrock account. They can keep up to date with your progress through this account.