

# Using Feedback – a Guide for Parents

Reports are designed to give a snap shot of your child's progress along with areas that need to be improved in the coming months and years. There is no finish line to learning.

Whatever the reports contain, it is really, really important to celebrate your child's achievements and what they have done well.

Positive feedback to your child will build pride in their learning and give them the confidence to take on greater challenges to improve their results.

We have been running Parent Forum Sessions throughout this year to suggest ways, and provide skills for you to help your child in their journey through school life.

## **Some tips**

### Reading

Listen to your child read daily. Give them time to sound words out and avoid jumping in to correct them. Praise them for their attempts at reading difficult words, as well as when they get it right. If they struggle with pronunciation, they probably don't know the meaning of the word. Discuss it with them. And lastly, ask questions about the story to help them gain understanding of what they are reading about. The teacher can give you some ideas.

### Spelling

Praise independent practice of spelling – it's great when you don't have to remind them. Try splitting the words, identifying similar spellings in the weekly list and test them. Congratulate them for any success – many words on the National Curriculum are tricky.

### Maths

Apart from homework, take any opportunity to get your child to count. The number of cakes in a window, the number of seagulls in the car park, can be good practice. Give them the money to pay for items – they can count it out and count back the change! Ask them what the time is. And praise – always praise, even if the answer they give is not quite right!

Remember your class teacher is always on hand to suggest ways in which your child can improve their learning. Please don't be afraid to ask. We are working together for our children!

