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Aim High

Never Give Up

Follow Your Dream

Lead By Example

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome! We hope your child is settling well into school and is enjoying learning.

I would like to outline school Home Learning for the coming year. At Norwood, we have identified Home Learning priorities that will have the most impact on your child's achievement at school.

In order for your child to gain an advantage and make the most of their learning in school, we ask for your support in ensuring that your child:

- Engages in reading sessions at least five times per week which could include:
 - Bedtime story
 - Phonics practise
 - Telling a story of their own using the pictures in their book
 - Sounding out the names of things in the environment e.g. c-a-t, t-a-p
- Can recognise numbers from 0-20
 - Start with numbers that are familiar e.g. ages of people in the family
 - Look for numbers in the environment e.g. door numbers, numbers on buses
 - Play with magnetic numbers, hide numbers in the sand/mud, play board games, computer games and spot the numbers/scores

The only way to get better at reading is to read as often as possible. It is vital that children build a love of reading. Research shows that children who read for pleasure are far more likely to be successful within all areas of the curriculum.

In order to encourage children to read regularly we have created a system where children are rewarded for their hard work. Each Friday reading diaries are checked in school. When a child has read five times in a week on five separate days, they receive a raffle ticket. At the end of half term, one raffle ticket is selected from the class box and that child receives an invitation to go to Waterstones bookshop with the winners from all of the other classes to choose a book up to the value of £10.

Thank you in anticipation of your support. We aim to get all children reading fluently and confidently as young as possible and with your help, they will succeed.

Yours faithfully,

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