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Together We Achieve

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Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: I am a Clever Writer

We are currently in the process of training staff to deliver a programme called I am a Clever Writer to all children from Year 1-6. We have been using this programme in Reception since September and have agreed that to make the impact we would like on children's writing, we need to have a consistent structure across the whole school.

The programme is not a scheme which the teachers just download and follow, but a progression of skills which ensures consistent progression of pupils' writing over time. Other Headteachers in Ealing have introduced this programme over the last couple of years and feedback has been incredibly positive. We are keen to ensure that we are giving our children every opportunity to improve their writing skills in preparation for the next stage of their education and for their futures.

The programme will be fully launched after the Easter holidays, but while staff are being trained next half term, we have chosen to focus our writing lessons on developing vocabulary and ensuring accurate and consistent letter formation. Handwriting is always a priority in schools, but having the time to devote to reinforcing basic letter formation and legibility across the school is a rare opportunity, which we are keen to take advantage of. We will also be utilising this opportunity to reinforce the spelling of key words which children should be familiar with.

English lessons will therefore look quite different next half term with the focus being on handwriting, spelling and dictation initially before moving on to recap some of the grammar skills pupils should already be familiar with. In addition, we will be spending time every day during English lessons reading and discussing the class reader. This is a book which will model appropriate vocabulary based on age and provide an opportunity for pupils to develop their vocabulary and reinforce their comprehension skills.

Having discussed this with teachers yesterday afternoon, I know they are keen to take this opportunity to ensure pupils have a good understanding of the basic mechanics of writing before they embark on their I am a Clever Writer journey in the Summer term.

More information about I am a Clever Writer will be shared in the Summer term and we look forward to sharing some fantastic examples of writing with you in the future.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Hasker

Headteacher

