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Dear Parent/Carers,

Years 1 and 2 English Update



As we are now well under way with the new academic year we would like to update you on the English programme we offer your children here at Bransgore Primary School.

Some of our teaching staff have recently attended a 'new' training programme for teaching Read Write Inc. and we now have some exciting new materials for supporting the teaching of writing.

We run a 3 step programme for English as follows:

Step 1 Foundation / Read Write Inc.

This is where the programme for teaching phonics is introduced and the children are taught how to recognise and blend sounds for reading. The children also begin to be taught how to form letters for writing.

Step 2 / Read Write Inc.

In Year 1 and for the majority of Year 2 your child will be following Step 2 of our English programme. There are some changes to this stage:

- * Read Write Inc home reading books will continue to be sent home every **Monday**. We continue to ask you to read these with your child, spending time learning the new vocabulary at the front of the book and the speed words at the back. These books need to be back in school on **Thursday** ready to be changed.
- * Spellings will no longer be sent home as we will be spending time in school working on the words related to the book being read.
- * Writing tasks will now be completed in new writing booklets which are directly linked to the book the children are reading. Therefore children in Step 2 will no longer complete a weekly Wizard Write and will not bring home a Thursday Talk Slip.



Step 3:

By the end of year 2 most children will have completed the Read Write programme and will move on to Step 3. At this stage

- * Spellings will be sent home in a spelling journal on Monday and will need to be back in school for a spelling assessment on Thursday.
- * There will be a fortnightly 'Wizard Write, and the children will bring home a 'Talk Slip' every other Thursday. This slip gives you an opportunity to support your child by discussing the focus for the next day's writing task.

You will be informed when your child is moving on to this stage of the programme.

We are very excited about this new programme and are confident that it will support your child in becoming confident readers and creative writers! If you have any queries about these changes please do not hesitate to discuss them with your child's English teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.
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