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Our 2nd school improvement focus

Last week we shared our focus on the boys and gave some ideas and tips about how you can help to support your children achieve the best that they can at home and school. This week we'd like to share another one of our big focuses this year, which is all about our more able children and our methods of teaching and learning to ensure that everyone has a chance to achieve their potential. Last week we reminded you all about how we record attainment (how well children achieve) and explained our coding system. For example, a child in Y4, should be a Y4S (secure) by the end of year 4. In addition, we also assess and record information about how 'deep' the children's learning is. We aim to ensure that children at Chad Vale have a wide range of skills and knowledge, but are also able to adapt what they know and use these skills and knowledge in wider contexts. This is known as 'mastery'.

As we teach the children throughout the year, the teachers make a judgement as to whether they have learned or gained a particular skill. They then decide how 'deeply' they understand it. This is known as 'greater depth'. We have 4 levels to help us record depth of learning and you'll see these when you log-in to School Pupil Tracker to view your child's information.

When you come to parents evening next week, please do ask about the teachers' judgement for depth of learning. We are providing lots of opportunities in school to increase these for all children, and particularly for our more able children.

To help with this, try to give your child lots of problems to solve, whether they are real-life problems or homework style word problems. Help them to develop their independence and get them to teach you something that they have learned in school! If you think that what they are doing is too easy for them, please challenge them; they will be used to this now in school. Also encourage them to make mistakes; this is the best part of learning and shows that the learning is at the right level. If children are getting everything marked correctly, it's probably too easy for them!

Depth and application of learning - Depth of Learning Rating			
Shallow learner	Expected depth	Deeper learner	Deepest learner
#1 [Low]	#2 [Expected]	#3 [Good]	#4 [Very good]
About 10% of children will be judged to be in this Rating	Most children will be judged to be in these two Ratings		About 10% of children will be judged to be in this Rating
This is below the expected standard depth of application and understanding. Does not apply their learning.	This is the expected standard depth of application and understanding. Average application of learning.	This is above the expected standard depth of application and understanding. Good application of learning.	This is well above the expected standard depth of application and understanding. Very good application of learning.

Adult Library Assistants Wanted!

Grown-ups- Do you have some time to spare that you can dedicate to helping with planning and setting up our **new school library**?

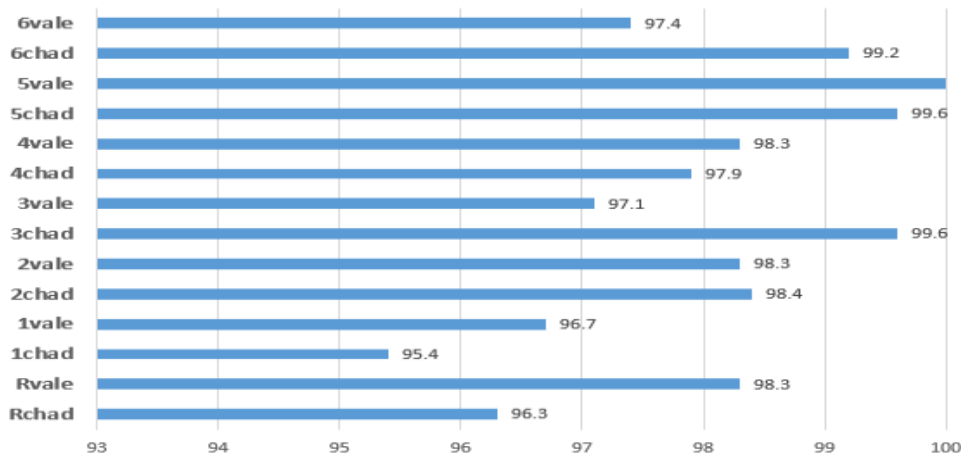
If so please email the Chad Vale Reading Ambassadors with details of the skills you can offer and the times you can be available.

Reading Ambassadors can be contacted via Miss Neesa Khan at:
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Diary Dates– please also check the online diary on our website		
Mon 16 Oct	4:00pm – 6:00pm	Parents' Evening
Wed 18 Oct	5:00pm – 7:00pm	Parents' Evening
Thu 19 Oct	4:00pm – 6:00pm	Parents' Evening
Fri 20 Oct	All day	Break up for Half Term
Mon 30 Oct	All day	Back to School for Children
Mon 30 Oct	All day	Y2 Trip to Cadbury World
Tues 31st Oct	8.30-10:30	School Nurse Drop-in sessions
Weds 1st Nov	morning	Flu Jabs for R-Y4 children
Thur 2 Nov	All day	School Photographs (individual/siblings)
w/b Mon 6th Nov	TBC	Reception 2018 intake open afternoons
Tues 7th Nov	All day	Year 4 Egyptian Day
Tues/Wed/Thur 7/8/9th Nov	2-3pm	Reception 2018 intake Open Days
Wed 8th Nov	morning	KS1 Into Film Festival Trip
Thurs 9th Nov	morning	Y3 cinema Trip
Fri 10th Nov	morning	Flu vaccinations for YR-4
Wed 15th Nov	morning	Y5 cinema trip
Tues 21st Nov	morning	Y2 trip to Pagoda
Thur 30th Nov	All day	Y4 trip to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery
Fri 1st Dec	morning	Y3 trip to St John's Church
Mon 4th Dec	All week	Autumn Assessment Week Y1-6
Tue 5 Dec	2:30pm – 3:00pm	Reception Nativity (Chad)
Wed 6 Dec	2:30pm – 3:00pm	Reception Nativity (Vale)
Thurs 7th Dec	All day	Y3 trip to Lapworth Museum
Mon 11 Dec	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Reception Christmas Workshop (Chad)
Tue 12 Dec	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Reception Christmas Workshop (Vale)
Mon 18th Dec	9-11.30	Reception Vale to St Augustine Church
Tue 19th Dec	9-11.30	Reception Chad to St Augustine Church
Fri 22nd Dec	All day	School Breaks up for Christmas
Monday 8th January 2018	All day	School closed– Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 9th January 2018	All day	Back to school for children

Attendance % this week



Congratulations 5Vale!
100% attendance this week

If your child is celebrating Diwali on Thursday 19th October they may come into school wearing their 'special' clothes!