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Dear Parents and Carers,

IDL ONLINE RESOURCE – YEAR 1

I am pleased to say that this year, we are inviting all the Year 1 pupils to access a wonderful online resource, IDL online. Traditionally, IDL online has been used as a tool to support pupils with dyslexia and dyslexic type tendencies, however, as a school we feel the resource benefits all pupils as it uses sight, sound, touch, and voice to improve reading and spelling.

In fact, schools who currently use IDL have reported that pupils' reading and spelling attainment can improve after only a short period of time. They have also noticed improved confidence and self-esteem, which has transferred into other areas of school life. Furthermore, links are made between the visual, auditory and tactile pathways.

The IDL programme is individually tailored, in that it automatically generates a starting point for pupils based on their individual reading and spelling ability. The program can also meet individual visual needs – pupils can choose their own page background and text colours to make tracking and place finding easier, helping to combat any visual stress.

IDL has been simply designed to make it easy for pupils to use. Pupils will be able to work independently or with minimum supervision, whilst teachers at school can track and monitor progress effortlessly. When developing individual learners, IDL can help as it allows them to work independently. The cloud is used to store pupil progress so they can work from any location - picking up where they left off. IDL is distraction free and it has been purposefully designed to omit visual distraction so that pupils can focus solely on letters and words as they appear on screen.

If you are happy for your child (or children) to access this wonderful resource, an initial assessment will take place. This will ensure that the programme is individually tailored to each pupil, we do the assessment at school. Following the initial assessment, pupils are provided with a unique username and password so that they can access the IDL at home.

Over the next few weeks, all Year 1 pupils will take a simple reading and spelling assessment in school to determine their starting point for the IDL online programme, however, **if you do not want your child or children to complete the reading and spelling assessment, then please let the class teacher know via email to the class accounts (details below).**

Additionally, if you would like to discuss the programme further, please do not hesitate to contact the Year 1 class teachers by sending an email to the class account, they will be happy to speak to you and/or answer any questions.

Yours sincerely,

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