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VOCABULARY

Dear Parents/ Carers,

In recent years there have been many studies that highlight the importance of improving children's vocabulary skills. Having a wide vocabulary and deeper understanding of words significantly improves reading comprehension skills. It also helps children to communicate their ideas and express themselves in their writing. Studies have also shown that a person's vocabulary level is the best single predictor of occupational success.

In order to make vocabulary more of a priority at Townfield this year and in years to come, subject leaders have carefully collated lists of key words for every topic and across all year groups. These words will be referred to daily and there will be direct teaching of vocabulary in short bursts during **every** lesson. These key words will be displayed around the classroom and children will be actively encouraged to learn their definitions and use them confidently.

At the start of every new topic, your child will come home with a word list. The word definition is given but there is also space if your child wants to draw symbols/ diagrams or make notes to help them to recall the word's meaning. This list will also be placed into their topic books, but we hope that by sending them home it will encourage children to discuss and share new vocabulary with their family.

You can support your child by: -

1. Challenging them to use the word in a sentence.
2. Supporting them if they are struggling to understand certain words.
3. Ask them to think of other words or pictures that might help them to understand and remember the definition.
4. You might like to discuss any homonyms- words which are spelt the same but can have a different meaning e.g. bark -a tree's outer layer/ the sound a dog makes.
Current- up to date/ a flow of water/ the flow of electrons through a circuit.
5. Ask your child to say the word, clap the word, act the word, shout the word, and whisper the word.

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6. Give your child a definition from the list and see if they can work out the word.

If you have any further questions about any of the above information, please request a phone call from your child's class teacher.

Kind regards,



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Vocabulary Lead