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To all Parents/Carers,

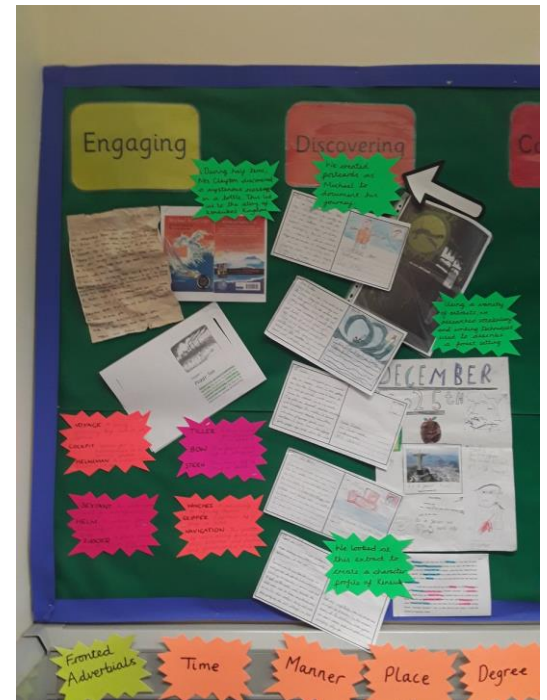
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A really interesting week this week in school and it was nice to see our Y4 children immersing themselves in some changes we have made to how we teach writing.

Writing, as we say all the time to the children, is such an important life skill and is something that can be hugely enjoyable. However, in a world of technology, social media and an ever shrinking version of the English language ('brb', 'lol' etc etc!) that message about writing being a life skill becomes increasingly more important to deliver!

That said, following some staff training and valuable input from local Literacy Consultants, we feel we have further improved our teaching of writing.

On the right is a picture of a display which will be very soon appearing in every classroom. It breaks down the key components of Reading and Writing and by making them visible in the classroom, including examples of work, the children are able to revisit their learning and fully understand what is happening with their writing and why. The first step, as I am sure you won't be surprised to hear, is 'engaging'. This is where we ask the children to fully 'dive' into a text and really get to grips with the characters, why the authors have made certain decisions and much more. Kensuke's Kingdom, a novel by Michael Morpurgo, is the current text in Y4 and is going through that very process as we speak and as you can see there are lots of ideas being generated. Watch this space for more updates in the coming months!



In other news, I'd like to say a huge thank you to the PTFA for funding some much needed improvements to the Community Room. We now have a new floor (it's actually the original floor underneath that has been expertly recovered by Mr Shelton!), a new electronic whiteboard and lots of other new resources (see left). It is now a more multi-functional space which suits the needs of the children and adults who use it. Again, a big thank you to the PTFA and for your continued support of all that the PTFA organises. Without this support these exciting projects would not be able to happen.

And finally, next week is Y6 SATs. Good luck to you all and make sure you put your feet up this weekend! We are all really proud of you and know you will do fantastically well!

Mr I. Johnson