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Parent Consultations

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you will be able to meet with the teachers this week and that you find this useful. This is a good opportunity to find out how well your child has settled, how they are learning and how you can support from home.

From September 2015, the government has launched a new curriculum which now applies to all children from Y1 to Y6. Those children in Foundation Stage will continue to learn through play on the same Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum that is ideal for them.

Also this year, all schools are now assessing children without levels. The old system of giving a child a level as he or she moved through the school has gone and at Dunnington CE Primary School, we will not be "levelling" children. Instead, we will be tracking their progress against the objectives they need to learn. Staff will be using a tracking system to monitor each child's learning against these objectives in the new curriculum for their age group. We record their learning against key learning objectives and this ensures they are covering everything they need to learn week by week and so make good progress.

The majority of children will have started the new curriculum for their age group and teachers will be talking to parents on Tuesday or Thursday about how well they are doing against these objectives in this new curriculum, especially in the core subjects of Reading (and phonics in Key Stage 1), Writing and Maths.

Staff will not be speaking with parents about "levels" as this no longer makes sense in the new curriculum and with the DfE requirement to assess children without levels. Instead, we will be focussing on what each child is learning, tracking this using our assessment system and identifying what each child needs to learn next. This will mean they will be making progress within the curriculum for their age group and teachers will be talking about this with you.

Some children, of course, may need to consolidate their learning in key objectives from the previous year and this will be happening, whilst also teaching them within the curriculum for their current year. Teachers have always been good at matching the work to each child, but the expectation is that the vast majority of children will be able to work within the curriculum for their age group as the year progresses.

I look forward to seeing you around school next week as you come for Parent Consultation.

Best wishes,

Caroline Hancy