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Dear Parents/Carers

'Be the best we can be'

As you are aware, our school motto is 'Be the best we can be'. We want all our children to leave here with high aspirations; with the confidence and skills to take on new challenges and the self belief to believe in themselves and to deal with any setbacks on the way.

Our school council have been thinking about what our motto means to them and what we should do in order to be the best. They came up with the following targets:

- Listen and engage in conversations about learning in the classroom.
- Support each other with our learning by demonstrating or explaining how something is done.
- Focus on our work and ignore distractions around us.
- Read a wide range of books and make sure we understand new vocabulary.
- Be supportive by praising and encouraging each other with our learning.
- Aim to improve our own performance and achieve our own targets.
- Use equipment and resources to support our understanding whenever we need it.
- Recognise when we are stuck with our learning and seek support.
- Learn about the world we live in.

They also considered what good behaviour habits they could put into place in order to excel. Many of these require the support from family members at home. As we often speak to parents who are keen to support and nurture their children to ensure that they are doing as well as they can we want to share these with you and ask that you help you child by using these regularly at home.

They are:

To accelerate progress:

- ✓ If we visit the local library and try new books our reading will improve.
- ✓ If a family member listens to our reading and talks about the book with us our comprehension skills will improve.
- ✓ If we tell a family member about our school day it will help us remember our learning.
- ✓ If we work with a family member to learn our spellings our writing will improve.
- ✓ If we watch CBBC Newsround our knowledge of the world we live in will improve.

We have attached these in an A4 sheet should you wish to stick them up at home as a reminder. We have also put them into a display for all to see in our school foyer.

The school council have done a brilliant job in thinking this through and in creating these targets. Please do talk about them with your child and we would love to hear your feedback and thoughts on how they are helping them to develop good learning habits - that will help them to be the best that they can.

Yours sincerely

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