

# 'WOW Words' Information for Parents/Carers

The Primary 1-3 teachers would like to introduce 'WOW Words' (Wonderful and Outstanding Words) in the final term to expose your child to more interesting words and help develop their vocabulary.



## What are WOW words?

'WOW' words are **good words** for helping your child with their talking, listening, reading and writing. We want your child to learn words like 'enormous' and 'tiny' so that they can use these as well as words like 'big' and 'small'.

## Where do the WOW words come from?

The 'WOW' words are taught **through the context of a story**. We will focus on **3-4 'WOW' words** from the chosen story **each week**.

## Why are we focussing on WOW words?

'WOW' words **help** your child to **explain their ideas and thoughts** better when they are talking. 'WOW' words also help them to **understand** what they are reading. Your child can use them in their writing to make their stories better too.

## How to help at home:

■ You will find the 'WOW' words for the week and the link to associated story on your child's **learning grid**. This will be published **weekly** on the school **website, app** and **blog**.

■ Firstly, let your child **listen to the story** or read it to them if you have the book at home.

■ Listen/read again and **point out the 'WOW' words**. Ask your child about the **meaning of the words** and tell them if they don't know.

■ Try to **use the words as much as you can** throughout the week when you are talking or playing with your child. Use them when you are out and about in the garden or on daily exercise walks.

■ Be creative - **draw pictures** to illustrate the words, **act out** the words, make up games like Matching Pairs and Charades!

■ Read stories to your child and see if you can **spot the 'WOW' words** in other books.

■ **Tell other people in the family** what the 'WOW' words are so that they can use them with your child too - grans, grandpas, aunties and uncles can all help through online platforms at the moment!

■ Some children may wish to try to **read and write** the 'WOW' words too. They may even want to try and use some of their 'WOW' words within their 'Free Writing Friday' stories!

**Wow!**



Below is just **an example** of how some 'WOW' words might be used at home.



## 'Everybody's Welcome', by Patricia Hegarty

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b0bgb08w/cbeebies-bedtime-stories-642-ewan-mcgregor-everybodys-welcome>



### You could try...



- Illustrating the words with your child, e.g. **future**
- Talking to your child about the meaning of the words, discussing other words and phrases that mean the same thing, e.g. **complete** = finished
- Asking your child what they want to do in the **future**/ dreams and goals for the **future**?
- Playing an action game with your child – act out different feelings including **alone**.
- Ticking off activities with your child on their learning grid which are **complete**.
- Asking your child what makes them feel **alone**? Discuss people they can talk to if they feel **alone**.

*Thank you for your continued support. I hope you find this information guide helpful ☺*

