

Looking For Learning Handbook and Feedback Policy

The aim of this handbook is to help the reader understand what we expect to see in every classroom to help children engage within an effective learning environment, where effective feedback is key in order for children to make outstanding progress.

Please read the information carefully and apply the principles within your classroom, please seek advice if you would like to develop further understanding.

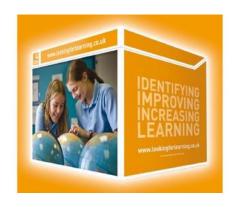
Happy Learning!



Looking For Learning Handbook



Our whole school approach towards a learning focused environment and the use of effective feedback.

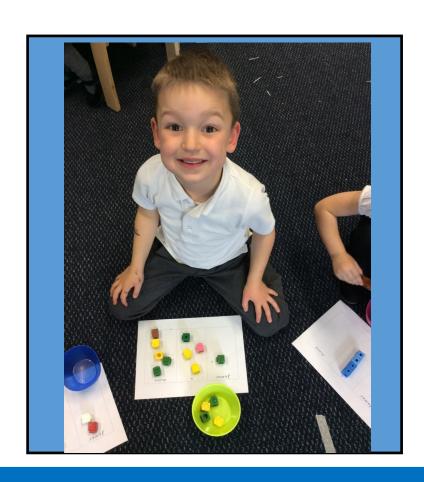


What did you think when you left your classroom at the end of the day yesterday?

What do you remember doing at Primary School?

What do you remember learning?

Which lesson do you remember the most and why?



Looking for Learning

At Kibworth Primary School we have created a learning focussed environment in which we strive for every child to achieve and be engaged within their own learning journey. As a staff, we are dedicated to the belief that learning should be at the heart of everything we do.

Our school's definition of learning:

'Learning is a memorable journey of acquiring, understanding, consolidating and applying new skills and knowledge.'

Please ensure this is displayed in your learning area.

Looking for Learning What's it all about?

Instead of focussing all our efforts on teaching, curriculum, resources and management and hoping that learning will appear in the centre, why don't we start with learning and work outwards?

Learning should not be seen as a lucky by product of school activity; it should be it's core purpose.



A school for

Teaching for learning

Ethos for learning

Structures and systems for learning

We aim for everything we do at the school to have learning as the purpose. We strive for all aspects of school life to be learning focussed. In our decision making we have learning at our heart.

Learning!

Students for learning

Community for learning

Curriculum for learning

Leadership for learning

Looking for Learning helps to establish in our school a shared sense of what matters by focusing everybody's minds from the start on whether there is any learning going on.

Where learning is happening we celebrate, where it is not we look at why?

It's an "aha moment"



- An epiphany
- · An attitude shift
- · A mind shift
- · A wake-up call
- An eye-opening experience

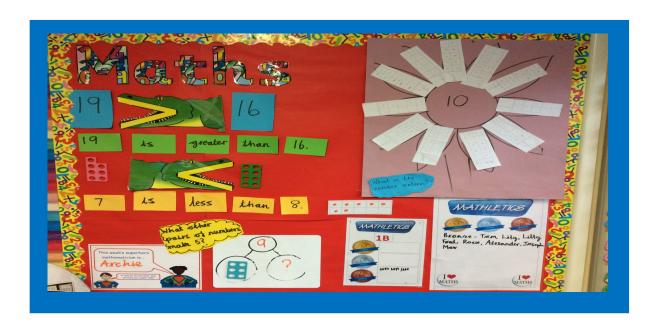
So...at the end of the day try to ask yourself and your colleagues:

What learning took place in my/your classroom today?

How much learning took place in my/your classroom today?

What did I do to help the learning in my class today?

was there sufficient learning in school today?



It is easy to lose our core purpose and get wrapped up in 'stuff'.

Learning Language

In every learning focussed classroom we expect children to understand and use the following language to help them articulate their learning. These words should be displayed and talked about in each classroom. They should be used by the children and by adults in their feedback and discussions about learning.

Beginning, Developing, Mastery — learning is a process, it has a start point and an infinite number of recognisable end points, depending on what we are learning and at what stage.

Consolidating—automatic, established. The pathway is clear for all to see. Happens with knowledge and skills. Can be slower with skills. Steadily more and more secure.

New Learning—Insecure, fuzzy, unstable. It is what we should expect to see in every classroom.

Treading Water—No amount of revisiting will improve the learning. Appear on task, working hard. Activity rather than learning.

Drowning

(Or other suitable word for younger children)

Children may be struggling when:

We interrupt new learning

We are moving on too quickly.

A state of confusion, occurs when real learning has not had a chance to become embedded.

It can be a positive struggle but also negative.

(makes links)

(consolidation is being unravelled)

How do we make this careful judgement when looking for learning?



Kinds of Learning

We expect children to know and understand the kinds of learning that will be taking place. At the beginning of the learning we need to make it clear the kind of learning it is and at what stage we are learning it. For example a group of children may be consolidating a skill, another group might be learning new knowledge.

Skills-Skills are practical, knowing how.

Essence of many disciplines, relatively few and consistent over time, developmental, different to access, can be new or consolidated but also there are processes, beginning, developing and mastery.

Knowledge—knowing 'that'. Knowledge is continually expanding, often right or wrong, easily accessible.

Knowledge can be essential, motivational transformational.

Understanding—the steady incorporation of ideas and concepts into our overall scheme of how things are. Understanding is when complex, multiple connections of neuronal pathways are made.

Hard to assess and evaluate.

understanding can often be seen during the application of skills and knowledge within context.

Look on the web at explanations for children about how we learn, there are many good videos



Helping children to engage with their learning and to reflect on their Learning Journey.

In all subjects we aim for the children to be able to reflect on their learning and articulate what they have learnt, at what stage they are and what they need to do to improve. Effective feedback can happen at anytime during the lesson and doesn't always have to be written. Oral feedback at the point of learning is vital, conversations throughout the lesson about learning have great impact on progress during the lesson. Feedback may be written and ready for the start of the next lesson. Children will be given time to do their own reflections and to read reflections written by an adult.

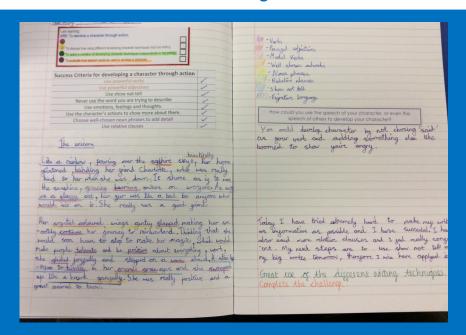
Children will have access to all of their end of year expectations either in their books or within the classroom environment.

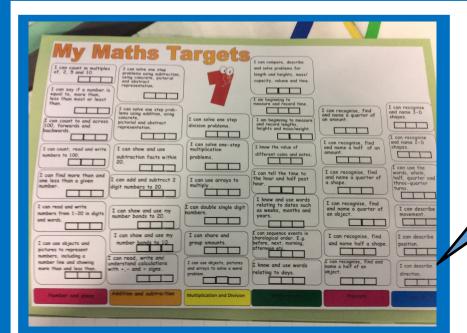
Effective Feedback

Staff use lots of different ways to help engage children in their learning. Within this handbook each year group has set out the methods they use, including effective feedback frames, called successful learning grids. These are used at the start, during and end of new units of learning. They also help the adult make assessments and decide if the child is working towards, met or exceeded the ARE's. This information is then fed into the schools assessment tool.

It is important to get a balance of effective feedback, oral and written. Always think about the impact of your feedback and how it will be accessed and acted upon.

Be an excellent role model in your feedback, model good use of vocabulary, model examples, use clear, legible and cursive hand-writing.

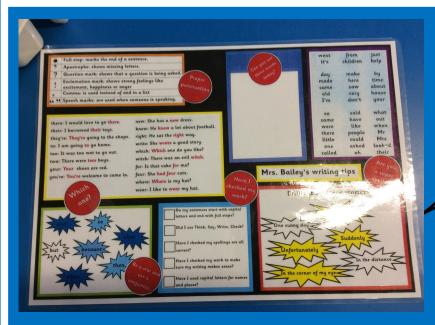




Age related expectations displayed in the front of books so that children can reflect against these.



Looking for Learning displays in every room, displays all of the vocabulary and the ARE's. The display can be creative and needs to grab children's attention



Tables have success criteria and learning prompts for children to refer to.

The Learning Environment

In order for children to successfully engage in their learning we want to provide a place that is stimulating, interactive and full of resources to help children engage effectively in their learning.

These are non negotiable and we expect to see them in every classroom.

- Looking for Learning area with vocabulary and ARE's on display
- ARE's in books for core subjects.
- LFL Successful learning grids used at the start and end of new learning
- · Feedback to be clear and well modelled.
- · Cursive script used by adults and children
- Resources available such as sound mats, dictionaries, number lines, writing equipment, rulers etc.

FOR HANDWRITING PLEASE SEE THE SCHOOL'S HANDWRITING POLICY











The seven Looking for Learning Questions.

There are times when we look at learning in each class using a lesson study type approach as outlined in the L4L toolkit. When we join together for lesson study we use the seven L4L questions to evaluate the effectiveness of learning happening. We also use these questions when observing individual teachers. Examples of these sheets can be found at the back of this pack.

There is also a L4L questionnaire for you to complete to help you judge how learning focussed is your classroom environment and your teaching.



The seven LfL questions

These are used to evaluate learning in your classroom.

- 1. Is there any learning going on?
- 2. Is the learning appropriate?
- 3. Is the learning sufficient?
- 4. Is the learning engaging?
- 5. What are the adults doing to help learning in the classroom?
- 6. What is the school doing to help/hinder learning in the classroom?

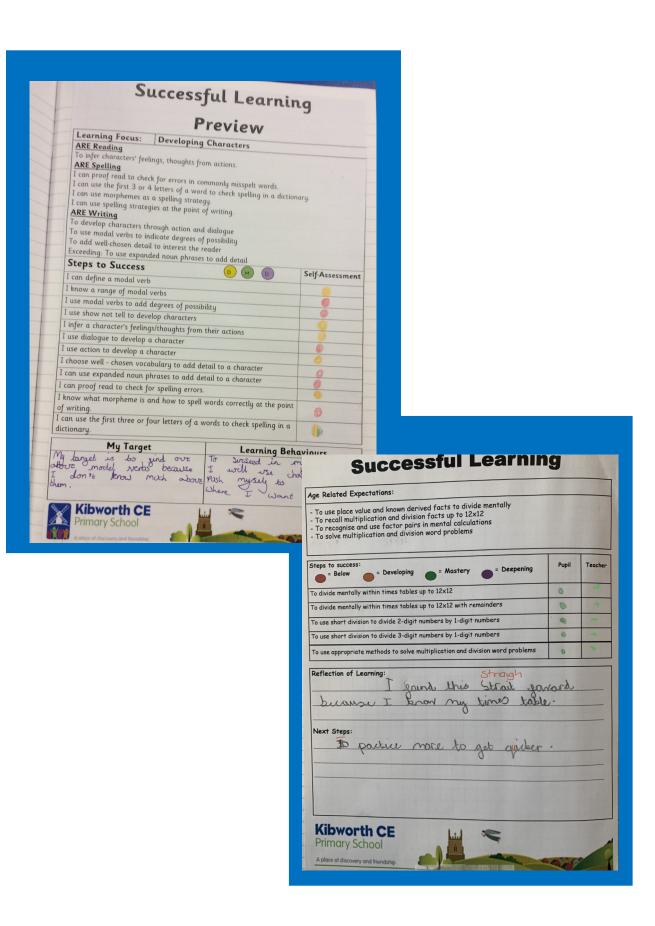
For more detail about these questions please refer to the guidance at the back of this pack.

There is also information about how to make L4L observations and how to use the observation forms.

Looking for Learning In Action

The following section gives specific detail about how effective feedback looks in each year group. The aim is for each year group to be consistent with the L4L philosophy but to have their own effective ways to engage children in their learning journey and provide effective feedback across the year group.





EYFS Looking for Learning



Teacher Assessment

Each unit of work recorded in maths or English books should have a 'Looking for Learning sticker' showing an objective for skills and knowledge linked to the Early Years Foundation Stage Development Matters document. Steps for learning should be identified and highlighted with a green pen if they are met or an orange pen if they are not. All L4L

labels need to be dated.



Learning Objective-10/3/21

- I can add 2 numbers together
- I can add by counting on
- I can subitise numbers to 5



Learning Objective– 2/3/22

 I can write CVC words independently For recorded activities which are part of the learning journey to achieve each learning goal a smaller sticker will be used to describe the process success criteria.

Doubling numbers-10 23.03.2016

- Share out the spots onto the two wings
- Record the dots using a pencil
- Count the number of dots in each group

Written feedback

All written feedback should be presented in cursive script.

In line with the schools marking policy a green pen should be used to highlight successes and an orange pen used for development points. Marking should focus specific learning points and not be overly detailed.

When the piece of work is assessed the following must be selected and noted in Green Pen.

I - Independent

T - Teacher Led

TA - TA Led

Initials of person marking the work must be provided.

Written marking should be done in the presence of the child where possible with verbal feedback including a positive comment and a next step.

When an observation is made; pupils are assessed against development matters, characteristics of effective learning and Leuvens well being and involvement scales which are recorded within Tapestry Online Learning Journal. This is shared with children and parents at points throughout the year.

Verbal feedback

Verbal feedback is consistently given by the supporting adult and provides the best feedback for EYFS children

Verbal feedback should allow the child to recognise strengths in their approach and areas for extending their learning and deepening understanding.

Children use visuals to communicate their assessment of their learning in an activity they have completed or are engaged in. They will be encouraged to identify their confidence level by selecting how far along the road they have travelled.

At the end of a unit or theme the children will complete a self assessment grid. Key skills of capital letters, finger spaces, full stops, handwriting and thinking of sentences before writing are self assessed at the end of every unit

Self-Assessment

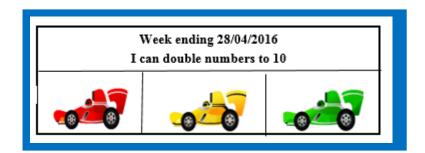
'The Road to Success'

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Past the finish line	中中		Writing Checklist
Zooming along	Zoon!		₽
Stuck at the start line	START	***	abc abc
My next ste	p is		

All recorded work is self assessed either by children highlighting a sticker.



Or choosing which box children place a personalised car in the Red, Amber or Green card.



Tapestry

All children will have a personal on-line Learning Journey, hosted by Tapestry, which records photos, observations and comments, in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage, to build up a record of each child's experiences and learning

It is expected that a core subject post will be made every week for each child.

Classroom displays will include

End of year Age Related Expectations drawn from the Early Years Foundation Stage Development matters document

A 'Looking for learning' board showing a road depicting 'The road to success'. This should outline current learning objectives, key skills and individual targets



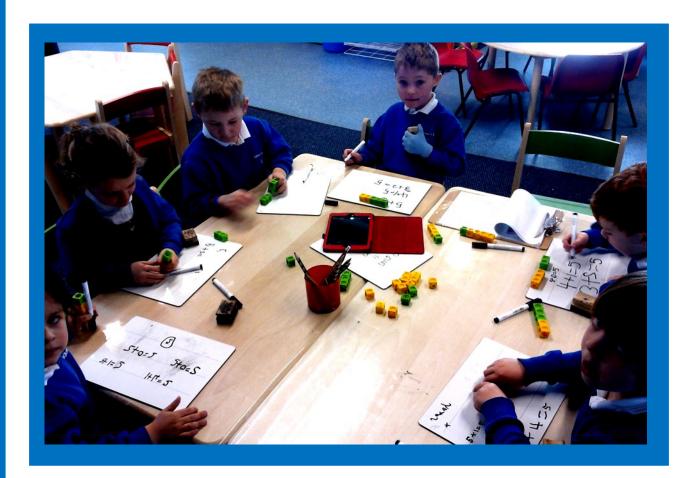
Relevant phonemes for the phases children are currently working towards High frequency and tricky words

A number line

A display celebrating children's success

Resources available for each child will include

Phonics phase mat Number track Full name card



Year 1 Looking for Learning

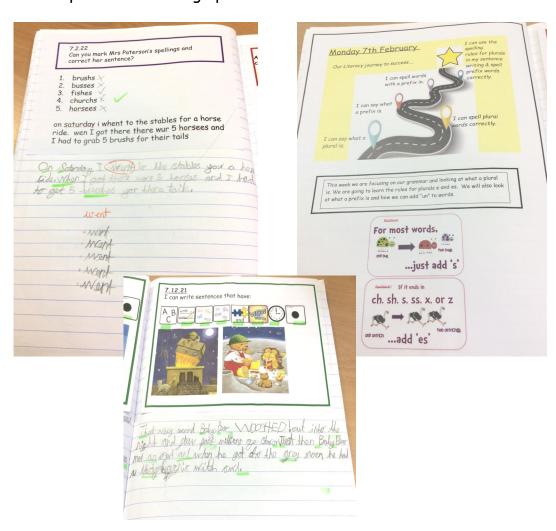


Teacher assessment

All pieces of writing marked should be done so in cursive script. Green for a positive comment and orange for an area that needs to be improved.

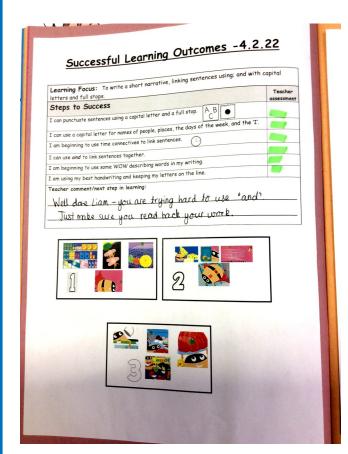
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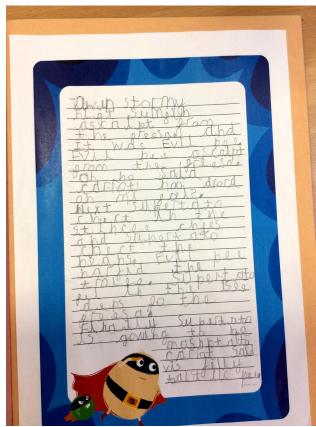
At the beginning of a new unit of work, a learning journey will be displayed (see example) and for each piece of work a pictorial success criteria is displayed as a visual prompt so children know what needs to be included in their writing. The teacher will mark against the pictures using a green and orange highlighter. We encourage Children to respond to the orange pen feedback.



Independent writing journals

At the end of each writing unit the children will write up a piece of independent writing and this will be marked against a success criteria and a next step given.



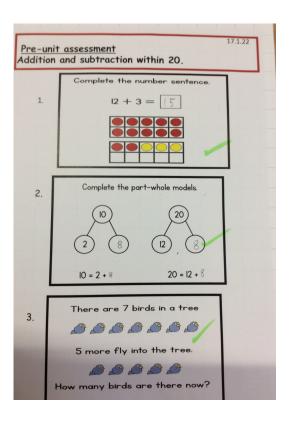


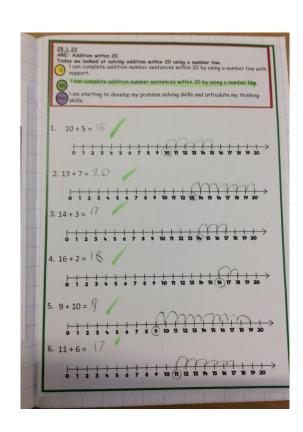
Maths

At the start of a new unit in Maths the children will do a preassessment so we can find out what children already know and what gaps/misconceptions to address.

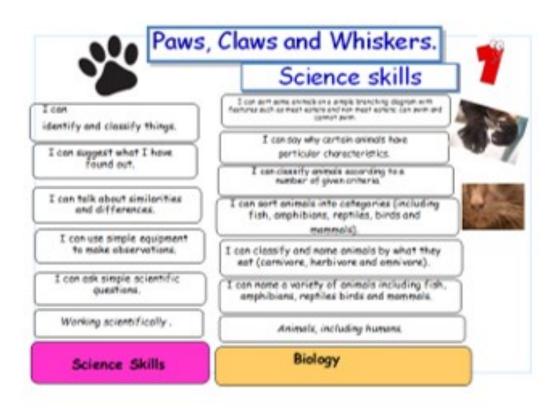
We then have an ARE which links to the national curriculum and we then highlight using a green or orange pen.

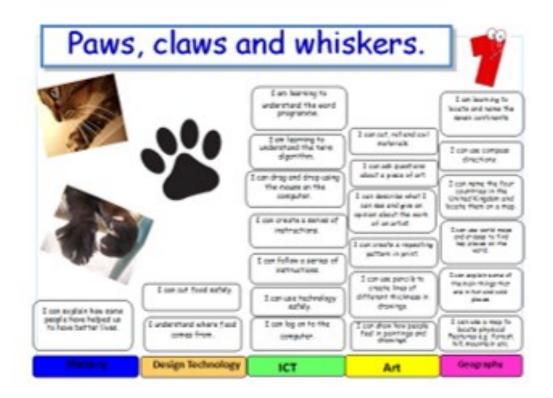
Misconceptions and errors such as number formation should be picked up and corrected by the teacher. A post assessment is carried out at the end of the unit.





Beginning of ever new unit of work a cover page to be attached and a skill sheet, indicating the main areas of skills to be taught.





Once a skill has been taught it is to be highlighted. Every lesson, a sticky label to be attached and highlighted by the class teacher.



As a designer I can cut food safely.

Context: Alien Cous Cous.

17.11.2017

Steps to success:

- I can explain how to be safe when cooking,
- I can cut food using the claw and bridge method.
- I can blend to read a recipe.
- I can follow a recipe successfully.
- I am learning to use scales to measure.
- I can show good teamwork and co-operation,

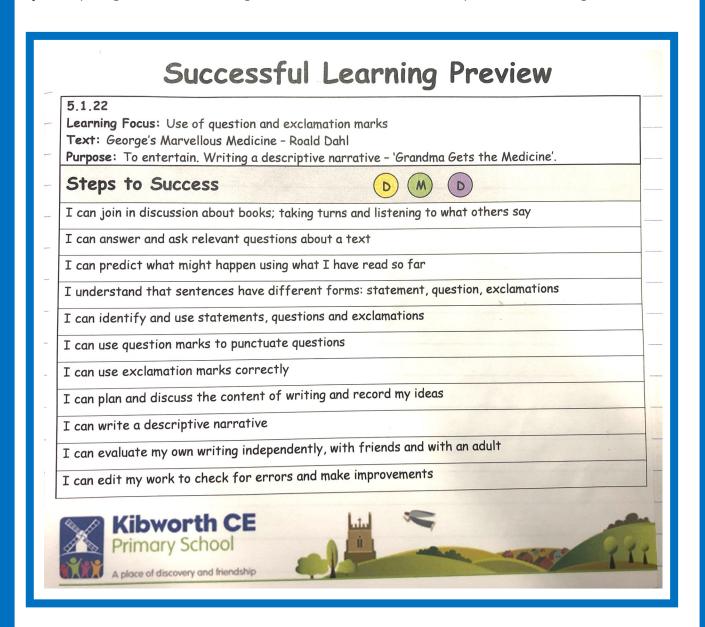
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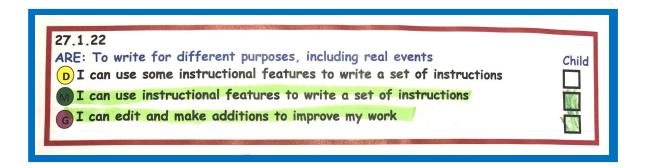
Maths and English

At the beginning of each learning journey the children are given the opportunity to preview the learning from the coming unit.

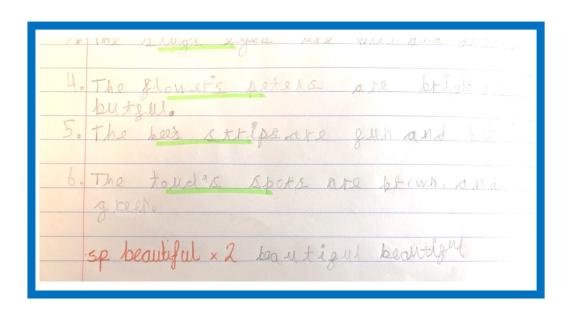
Guided by the teacher (giving clear examples) they look at each step in the learning journey to gain understanding of this connects with their previous learning.

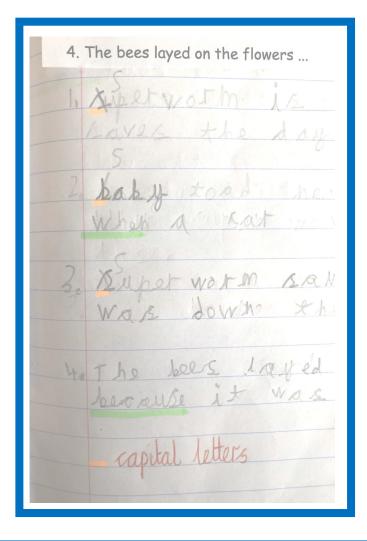


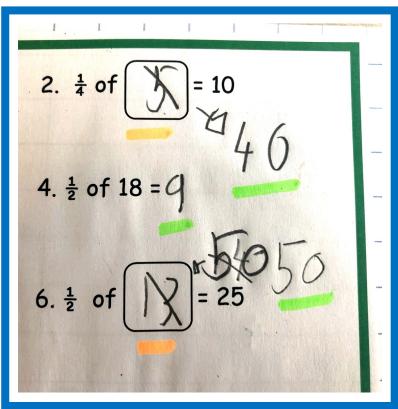
For each Maths and English lesson the children have a targeted learning objective showing which ARE they will be working on during that lesson or sequence of lessons. The ARE is broken down into Developing, Mastery and Greater depth statements which enables the children to clearly assess (again using colour) what depth of learning they have achieved that lesson.



The children's independent tasks are marked using orange and green pens in line with the school's marking policy. When appropriate, next steps may be given for the children to respond to independently or with support if needed. Spelling is marked in all subjects and children are expected to - look, cover, say, check - the corrected spelling twice in their books.



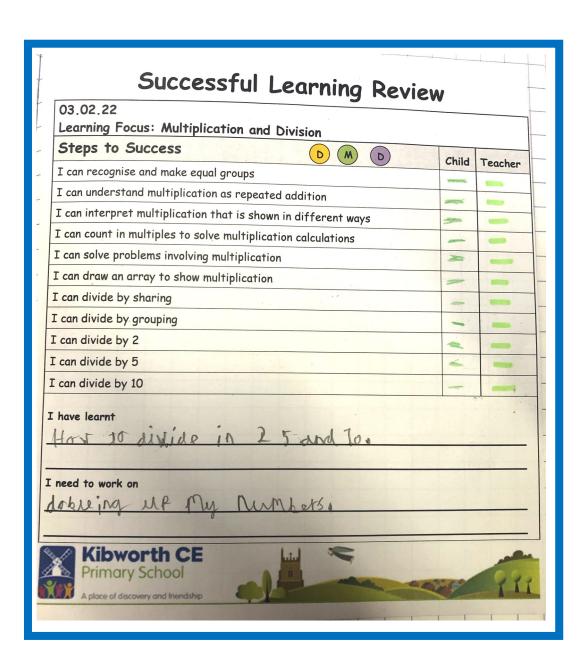




At the end of the learning journey, the children are given the opportunity to reflect on the same objectives now that they have had the relevant teaching. The teacher also has the opportunity to reflect on the child's learning and assess each step in the learning journey at a Developing, Mastery or Greater Depth level.

The children also reflect on their learning as a whole; identifying some new learning they have secured and a next step for themselves. The teacher gives general feedback with regards to success and the way forward.

This end reflection is important as the children are able to see and record their progress from the beginning of the journey and understand how to move their learning on.



Years 3 and 4 Looking for Learning Teacher Assessment



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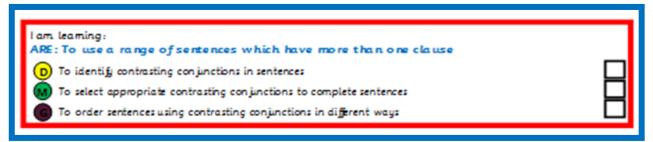
All work recorded in English and Maths books should have a title that clearly shows Age Related Expectation being worked towards in that lesson. At times there will be a list of steps to success being learnt, this might be published before the learning takes place.

At the beginning of each learning journey the children are given the opportunity to preview their learning.

They self assess where they think they are on the journey at the beginning, give themselves targets and think about the Learning Behaviours they will need.



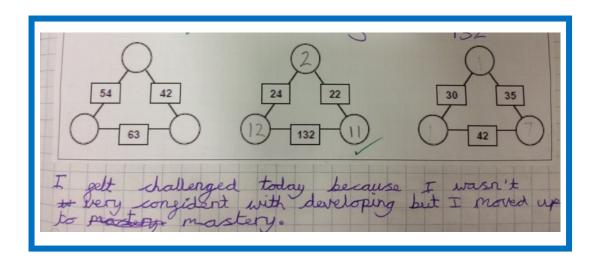
For each Maths and English session the children have a targeted Learning objective. This helps the children to evaluate their depth of learning against Developing, Mastery and Greater depth statements.



Written Feedback

The children's independent tasks are marked in line with the school's marking policy. All written feedback is presented in a cursive script. When appropriate, steps for successful learning are identified and highlighted.

- Written marking should be done, where possible, in the presence of the child. It may represent a later recording of verbal feedback which has taken place in the lesson.
- A green pen is used to identify successes and an orange pen is used for developmental points, which show children how to move their learning on.
- Spellings and all non negotiable words are corrected if spelt incorrectly in any area of the curriculum.
- Children are given the opportunity to reflect on their learning using a purple pen following some of the lessons.



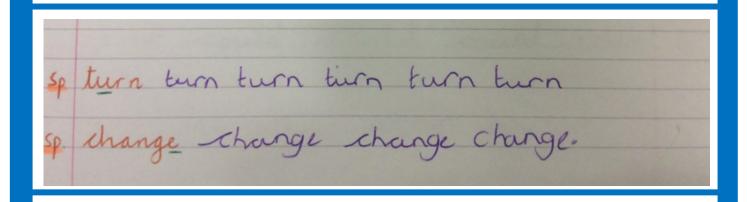
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The Children also reflect on their learning as a whole and the teacher gives feedback with regards to success and the way forward. The child's reflections will be based on their understanding of the schools learning behaviours.

This end reflection is important as the children are able to see and record their progress and understand how to move their learning on.

Sometimes the children will use a sheet which enables them to preview and review their learning on the same sheet.





Years 5 and 6 Looking for Learning



Teacher Assessment

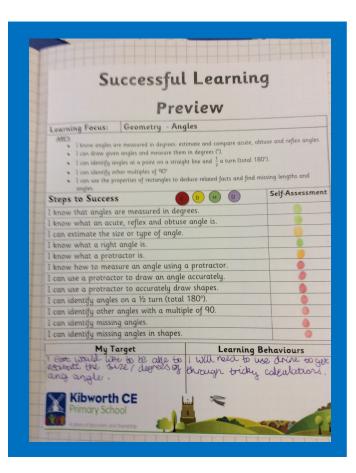
English, Maths, Reading AREs are to be displayed within the classroom. These are for the children and adults to refer to when talking about learning. They will be a point of reference for both the teacher and child to make judgements against. In the Foundation Subjects, the ARE will also be referred to and assessed against.

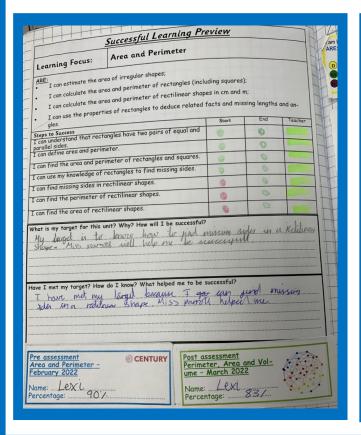
Successful Learning Grids

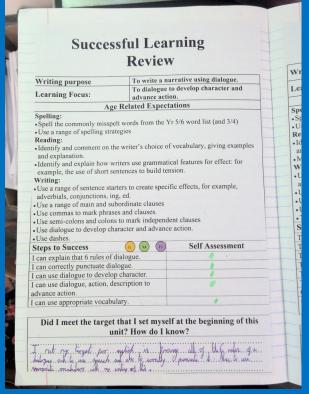
Successful learning grids are used at the start, during and end of units. These can be referred to by the child and adult to track progress being made, they also provide effective assessment evidence. Children use them to identify their current level of understanding of the objectives being taught within units. The preview sheet is to self evaluate their prior learning, whilst the review sheet allows them and the teacher to identify their progress within that learning journey.

In Foundation subjects, Successful Learning sheets are used at the beginning and end of topics. The preview sheet identifies what children would like to learn, whilst the review allows them to outline their key learning throughout the topic.

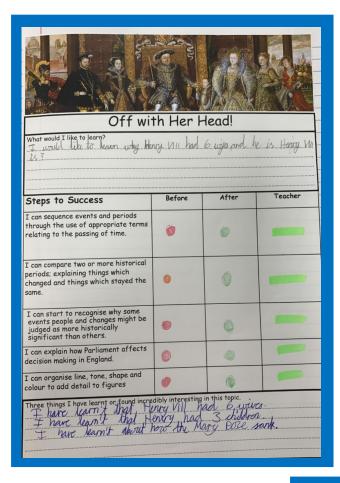
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Foundation Subjects

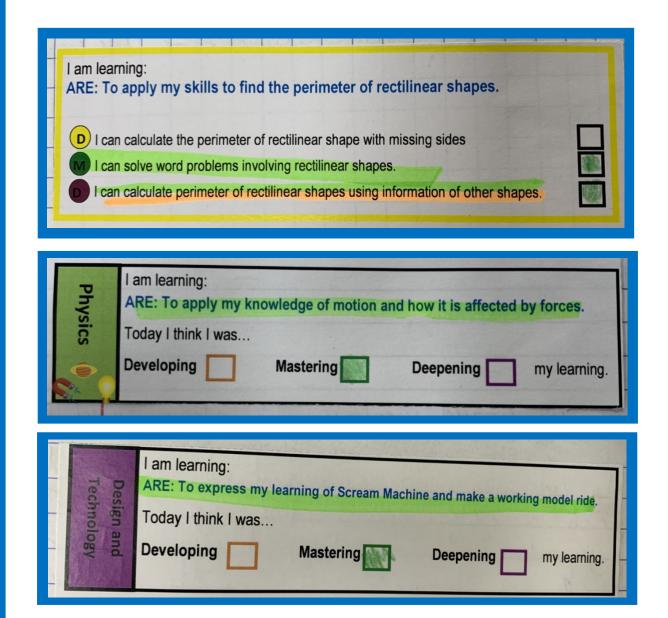


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Steps to Success	Before	After	Teacher
I can explain what gravity is and its impact on our lives.	6	0	SHALL DEED
I can identify and explain the effect of air resistance.		8	Children .
I can identify and explain the effect of friction.		6	
I can explain how levers, pulleys and gears allow a smaller force to have a greater effect.		0	
I can describe and explain how motion is affected by forces, for example, gravitational attractions and friction.		0	
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can explain how a location fits into its wider geographical cation with reference to human and economical features.	0	0	
can use a range of tools and equipment competently.		-	
can gather ideas from existing products to design a new one d evaluate its effectiveness against a set criteria.	•	0	
can use digital devices to design and make models.		9	
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Daily Learning Sheets

All work recorded in maths or English books should have a date and sheet that clearly shows the Age Related Expectation being worked towards during that sequence of lessons. These will also identify the small steps needed to meet each stage of the journey and beyond, this will usually be typed out before the learning takes place.

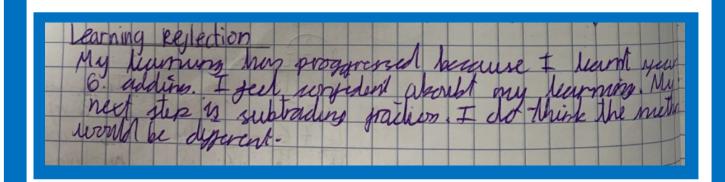
In Foundation subjects, the ARE will be used and an opportunity for the children to identify the stage of learning they feel they are at and a self assessment using colours to identify confidence.

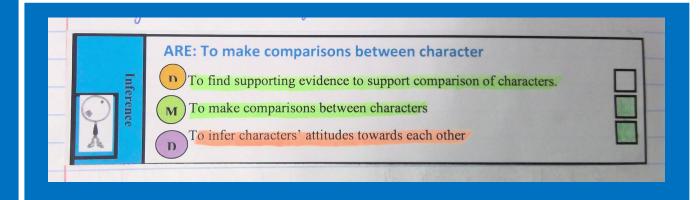


Reflections

Children will be given the opportunity to reflect on their level of understanding and confidence in every session. This could be through written reflections; responses to teacher's feedback; self-assessment against the ARE; answers to hinge questions; or verbal responses such as thumbs up.

When there are written reflections, these will be completed neatly, in purple pen. Children will have questions to help structure these and will use the school's language for learning to explain their thoughts.





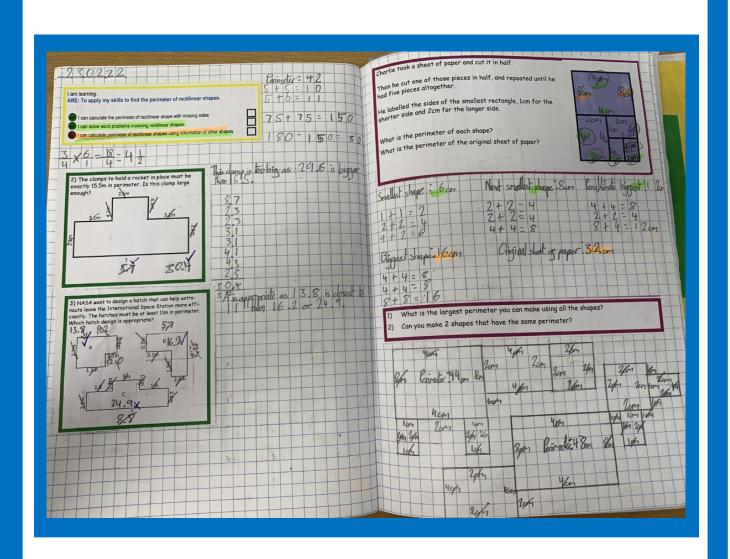
Feedback

Children will receive feedback, this could be written or verbal, on all work they produce. Feedback should identify how successful children have been and areas for development or consolidation.

Daily learning sheets will be highlighted using green and orange to identify the stage of learning and the children's developing understanding.

As appropriate, written feedback will be provided identifying successful learning; highlighting work using a green highlighter; or making comments on what the child has done well. Orange pen or highlighter will be used to suggest ways in which the children can move their learning on or to remodel misconceptions. Next steps in learning may be identified or challenge offered. All written feedback should be presented in cursive script.

Children will be given time to respond to their feedback in purple pen.



Learning Behaviours at Kibworth

Enthusiasm

PRIDE

Confidence

Inquisitiveness

Ambition

Drive

Participation

Attentiveness

Initiative

Independence

CHALLENGE

Resilience