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Dear Parents / Carers,

You may have recently heard the term 'Fantastics' or 'Boomtastics' mentioned at home. This is because we are embracing a new approach to writing. This is called The Write Stuff and it focusses on the three 'zones' of writing:

The Fantastics – These nine lenses encourage children to use their senses to describe what they are writing, effectively to the reader. Icons are used to identify the lenses that the children are focussing on. The Fantastics really help with exciting vocabulary choices, which the children are able to see improve their work. It is really inspiring our pupils!

The Boomtastics – This is where children are able to develop personal style by including literary devices such as – alliteration, rhyme, onomatopoeia and personification, amongst others. Just ask your children, they will explain!

The Grammaristics - A huge emphasis within the English curriculum is based around grammar, punctuation and spelling. The 'Grammaristics' encourage the children to apply the grammatical procedures they are taught in class to their writing, so that it makes sense and includes a range of sentence structures. Most importantly, the children understand HOW to improve their writing - independently!

We are hugely excited about The Write Stuff, and as a school we are all currently undertaking a unit of work around a short animated film called 'Rooted'. You can find this on You Tube - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aQYAykwgzGo&safe=active. It's really worth a look!

As a school, we anticipate a positive impact on writing outcomes this year and appreciate your support with home learning along the way. Further details about The Write Stuff can be found at www.thetrainingspace.co.uk

Yours Sincerely

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