

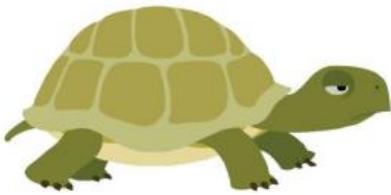
# Year 1 Newsletter - Issue 2

## Year 1 Learning Stars - Building Learning Power

As most of you would have read in a previous Year R newsletter, at Langstone Infant Academy we are committed to building children's learning power; not just what they are learning, but more importantly learning how to learn.

To make this easier for the children to understand and apply to their learning we have linked the four key areas to four characters.

### Resilience



*I am Tough Tortoise*

*I don't give up and I like to be challenged.*

I get absorbed in my learning.  
I don't give up when learning is hard.  
I concentrate really well and I notice everything.

### Resourcefulness



*I am Sensible Squirrel*

*I am very resourceful. I try to find things out for myself and make good use of resources around me to support my learning. I make connections with my prior learning and this helps me learn new things. I have a step by step approach to my learning.*

I use pictures in my head to support my thinking.  
I am confident to ask great questions.  
I like to go exploring for the answers and love using the computer and books to increase my knowledge and understanding.

### Reflectiveness



*I am Wise Owl*

*I am reflective and I think carefully about how to overcome obstacles in my learning. I plan my learning effectively. I like using my everyday experiences to support my learning. I can review and redraft to improve my learning and enjoy talking about the progress I am making.*

I learn from my mistakes.  
I enjoy it when I am fully engaged with a new task. Exerting effort to master something gives me good a feeling. I use my reflection skills to review and improve my learning. I am learning to become an effective learner – this takes lots of effort and skill.

## **Reciprocity**



I am a good listener.  
I like working in a team.  
I can work independently.

*I am Busy Bee*

*I can work independently and I can also work as part of a team. I can put myself in someone else's shoes and show empathy. I like to congratulate others on their ideas. I am a good listener.*

We hope by sharing more information about these learning powers with you that you will be able to praise your children at home when they show any of the powers!

Keep a look out for our next year group newsletter as we will be celebrating the learning stars of the fortnight from each class!

## **Lacey Library**

Thank you so much to all the parents who have thus far volunteered to help on our Lacey Library visits. We really appreciate your help. The anticipated date of the next visit for each class is detailed below.

Class 6 – 17th Oct

Class 4 – 31st Oct

Class 5 – 7<sup>th</sup> Nov

Please note: These dates are subject to change. If the weather is too wet on a class' scheduled date the visit will be postponed until the next week therefore moving the other classes forward a week. We will try our best to keep you informed of dates in these newsletters if they change.

## **Spellings**

Children will continue to bring home a list of spellings to learn each week. There will be a spelling check every Tuesday and a new list will be issued the same day. It is so lovely to see the continued success the children that practice at home are having. Please keep up the good work supporting your child with this.