

8-week plans

Dear Parents and Carers,

You may have seen our School Improvement and Development Plan (SIDP) on our website. This is a document, which all schools create, identifying the areas they wish to target for improvement or to continue to develop, usually over the course of one academic year. At Mulbarton Primary School, we breakdown the key areas for improvement and development into 8-week plans. Every eight weeks, we focus on a different area for improvement and development. This ensures that we maintain a strong focus on school improvement throughout the academic year. Our current 8-week plan focuses on 'The Power of Reading.' This is an initiative new to our school. We are one of a number of schools in Norfolk receiving training and support over the current academic year with the aim of continuing to raise our standards in writing through reading. Currently two classes, Sharks and Lions, are directly taking part in the project. However, the scheme has been rolled out to all year groups and so far has produced very positive results with high levels of engagement in writing across all of the year groups. Over the course of the eight weeks, all stakeholders at Mulbarton Primary School will be focussing on the Power of Reading. This will involve activities such as developing the quality of book corners in each class, talking to the children in circle times about their views on the Power of Reading, making class journals about the book each class is studying in English lessons and continuing to improve working walls. (The displays in class with information the children can access to support their own writing). In the autumn term, we focussed on improving well-being. You may see lovely sunflowers around the school when you visit for parents evening next week. All of the children in school undertook this work. Following a happiness questionnaire, all the children wrote about one particular thing that makes them happy. Our sunflower bunting is a joy to read! Other work undertaken in the well-being 8-week plan involved introducing mindfulness activities for the children to try. Examples of these activities include Cosmic Yoga, breathing techniques, listening to music while working and introducing the Daily Mile. There is a very comprehensive display in the corridor outside the lower school hall which you may want to look at during parents evening. We will keep you informed of our different 8-week plans as the year progresses.

Kind regards

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