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Developing Vocabulary Whole School Focus

Vocabulary Development: Unless our children encounter a rich and varied diet of language they will lack the skills to be able to thrive independently through our education system. We want our children to learn at least 2 new words each week which we will endeavour to use in school each day as frequently as possible to ensure that these words become embedded in our children's vocabulary. (These are additional to those words we will be teaching as part of our whole curriculum, including our oracy focus.) We are appealing to parents to try to use these words as many times as possible at home, not only in that week, but throughout the following weeks as well. This will ensure that they become part of our children's long-term memory so that they can use them independently in the correct contexts.

These are the words we will be teaching all of the children from Reception to year 6 from next week.

Week Beginning:	Words:	Definitions:
28 th Feb	Nimble	Quick and light in movement or action
	Attempt	To make an effort to make or achieve something
7 th March	Disturbance	An interruption of a peaceful situation.
	Extend	To add to something in order to make it bigger or longer
14 th March	Embarrassed	Feeling shy or ashamed about something.
	Confident	To be certain of your abilities or qualities/
21 st March	Approve	To have a positive opinion about something
	Doubt	A feeling of not being certain or sure about something.
28 th March	Amateur	Taking part in an activity for fun, not as a job.
	Apprehensive	A feeling of worry that something bad may happen.
4 th April	Banish	To send someone away and not allow them to come back.
	Feud	A disagreement between people, often long running/
11 th April	Substitute	To put someone/something in the place of someone/something else
	Tactic	An action or plan which helps someone achieve something.
18 th April	Fatigue	A feeling of being extremely physically or mentally tired.
	Challenge	Something new and difficult which requires effort and determination.
25 th April	Poised	To be completely still but ready to move at any moment.
	Compel	To force someone to do something.



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2 nd May	Declare	To announce something in a clear way.
	Hectic	A situation which is very busy and involves lots of rushed activity.
9 th May	Transfer	To move something from one place to the other.
	Contempt	Showing that you do not like or respect something
16 th May	Snub	To ignore someone on purpose.
	Domestic	Belonging or related to the home, house or family.
23 rd May	Lenient	Not as harsh or strong in punishment as would be expected.
	Extract	To remove or take something out.
30 th May	Inconspicuous	Not seen or attracting attention.
	Abundance	When there is more than enough of something.
6 th June	Appeal	An urgent request for someone to do something.
	Seize	To take something quickly and with force.
13 th June	Coax	To gently talk someone into doing something.
	Incessant	Something which continues without stopping.
20 th June	Stubborn	Not willing to change an action or opinion.
	Combine	To mix things together.
27 th June	Reveal	To show something that has until then been hidden.
	Estimate	A rough guess or calculation of what something might be.
4 th July	Digest	To change food in the stomach into something the body can use.
	Meagre	A very small amount of something.
11 th July	Passive	Someone letting things happen and doesn't <u>take action</u>
	Moral	A set of principles of right and wrong behaviour.
18 th July	Extinct	When something no longer exists.
	Forbidden	Something that is not allowed.