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Dear Parents

New focus on Learning Power

Since the beginning of the school year, we have been looking at developing children's learning power, as part of a wider review of our provision for Personal, Health, Social and Economic Education, known as PHSEE. We have been exploring the idea Gem Learning Power, following a visit from Dr Tom Robson earlier in the year, where different aspects of our ability to learn are linked to precious gemstones. Dr Tom initially talked to the children about diamond learning power, which addressed their ability to solve little problems, in order for them to solve bigger problems in the future. He then used other gemstones to introduce other learning powers, for example ruby learning power is the ability to be kind and supportive when working with others.

We plan to launch a new whole school focus on learning power at the start of the summer term in April, beginning with a focus on diamond learning power until the end of May, and gradually introducing other gem learning powers during the year. There will be an opportunity for the children to earn one diamond for their class each day, every class will have a 'Gem Learning' display to celebrate their learning and collect their gems. The school council will meet early in the term to discuss a class reward for every 25 gems collected.

To reflect our new focus on gem learning power, we will change our weekly Golden Learner Assembly to a Gem Learner Assembly, where a child in each class will be recognised for using their gem learning power, and we will also continue to give a Learner of the Week certificate for each class.

Please note at Monkton Farleigh, we will move our celebration of Gem Learner and Learner of Week to a Friday afternoon at 2.40 pm.

We look forward to the children developing their learning power over the coming months, and would be very grateful for your support at home and any feedback that you are able to give us.

Yours sincerely

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