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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back and I hope you all had a lovely half term break. This half term our focus value is compassion. We have already started thinking about how this links with inclusion and how our actions impact on how others feel.

In this newsletter I want to share some information about how we teach writing, why it can be a hard skill to master and what can be done at home to help. We can break writing down into two essential strands:

1. Transcription – the skills of handwriting, spelling, and accurate sentence construction

This is the “technical” side of writing and includes:

- Handwriting: learning to form letters correctly, developing fluency, and building stamina so children can write for longer.
- Spelling: learning phonics in the early years, spotting patterns in words, and applying spelling rules.
- Punctuation and grammar: understanding how sentences work—capital letters, full stops, commas, and the structure that makes writing clear and precise.

Strong transcription skills help children get their ideas down on paper quickly and accurately, which means they can focus more on what they want to say.

2. Composition – the skill of generating and developing ideas

Composition is all about thinking like a writer. This includes:

- Planning what they want to say
- Choosing the right words for effect
- Organising ideas into clear sentences and paragraphs
- Re-reading and improving their writing

We give children plenty of opportunities to rehearse their ideas orally, explore rich vocabulary, and read high-quality texts so they can see what great writing looks and sounds like.

How These Skills Come Together

Children practise transcription and composition separately at times, but the real learning happens when they bring both together in purposeful writing tasks—stories, letters, reports, poems, and more.

At home, one great way to help is by practicing handwriting and the spelling of key words. This means the children can focus on the other aspects of composition. We will be sending more information about handwriting out soon.

Mr R Foster

Find this newsletter and lots of other useful information on our school website:
www.ewyasharoldprimaryschool.co.uk/

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