

Priorities for 2017/18

Throughout the year the Governors of the school monitor and evaluate all areas of our education to ensure pupils have the resources needed to achieve their targets. However, Governors also prioritise certain areas as needing more immediate focus to ensure high standards are maintained. For this academic year Governors will be focussing on the following areas:

- 1) **Literacy** - *Raise the attainment of writing throughout the school (girls attainment to over 83% and boys to over 80%).*

Key performance indicators will be introduced to streamline teacher assessment and planning as well as more data analysis to help focus areas of development and increased SPAG emphasis. Reading material will be more inspiring and engagement in lessons will be increased through the storytelling approach, art and drama.

- 2) **Maths** - *Increase the percentage of children reaching expected attainment by the end of the year to 85%.*

Achieved by developing the mathematical resource areas and encouraging the children to access them independently, providing more engaging and challenging opportunities across the curriculum and offering a more creative lesson plan.

- 3) **Science** - *Increase progress and attainment and establish an effective balance between knowledge and investigative based science.*

Targets for this are KS1: 95% and KS2: 85%. By raising the profile of the subject through increased science trips, visitors to the school and environmental/outdoor classroom projects children will be able to independently ask and solve scientific questions.

- 4) **Leadership and Management** - *Ensure responsibilities and expertise are effectively shared and a more in-depth understanding of a subject's strengths and weaknesses across the school is achieved.*

The role of middle management will be developed and incorporated into staff appraisals. Governors will be signed onto the "Excellence in Governance" training programme.