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Dear parents/carers

**Re: parent curriculum workshops**

At Loughton School, we recognise that children's education is an ongoing partnership between home and school. Parents are their children's first educators and together we can share in the educational development of each child and build a secure and happy environment in which learning flourishes. Close contact with all of our families is crucial for our children to achieve personal and academic success.

- Research continues to inform that when schools, families, and community groups work together to support learning, children tend to do better in school, stay in school longer, and like school more.
- Students with involved parents get higher 'scores', enroll in higher-level programs and have good attendance, stronger social skills and better behaviour.

Therefore, you are invited to join us for a number of parent workshops during the school year. All workshops are FREE and specifically designed to support pupil learning. We firmly believe that it is the best interest of our children that we share with you the knowledge and skills of how we teach as this will ultimately benefit pupil learning.

Our workshops are:

- **Maths**  
**addition** - 16th October  
**subtraction** - 13th November  
**multiplication** - 20th November  
**division** – 8th January

These sessions will look at our school calculations policy for each operation so that you can mirror these methods to support your child's learning at home. You will also see elements of our maths scheme, 'Powermaths' which I am sure you have heard a lot about already.

- **English**  
**reading** – 27<sup>th</sup> November  
**writing (including spelling)** – 22nd January

These sessions will look at what the age-related expectations are for both reading and writing in each year group and how we assess your child against these expectations. They will have a particular focus on what greater depth in English looks like. Lots of parents ask in key stage 2, "my child can read – what's next?" come along to the reading workshop to find out. As part of the writing workshop, we will also be exploring how to balance the necessary grammatical features with creativity.

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