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Dear Parents and Carers,

Learning Powers

As you know, at Killigrew, we promote a learning culture where our children use 'learning powers' to help them learn to the best of their ability. Our learning powers represent the values that we feel are especially important to be a successful life-long learner.

Last half-term, I asked parents, staff, and children to give me ideas about how our learning powers might change. I used the ideas to create a new set of learning powers. Thank you so much to the staff and children who sent me such wonderful suggestions!

Each of our new learning powers is assigned a bird as a motif to tie in with our class names. We wanted our motifs to represent traditional British birds so that the children could see them every day to remind them of our values. We made sure that the bird we chose epitomised the learning power they represented!

Here are our new learning powers



Capable learners - we use the resources we have in the classroom and what we already know to improve our learning - Robin



Curious learners - we ask questions about our learning because we want to find out about the world around us - Magpie



Collaborative learners - we enjoy working kindly with our friends and our adults to improve our learning. We communicate with each other respectfully to support our learning - Swallow



Conscientious learners - we work hard, we reflect on what we know, and we are resilient in the face of challenge - Owl



Creative learners - we make good choices about how we display our work, and we enjoy being creative in all subjects - Wren

Each term, staff identify one child in each class who has demonstrated all the learning powers, and this is celebrated in a special assembly. These children are awarded an expert learner badge.

Competition Time

Now we would like you to help us again! We would love some colour pencil sketches of any of our new learning power birds to display around the school. The best ones will be framed and placed in either the infant or junior libraries with a little placard celebrating the wonderful work of the artist. Parents, we'd love you to join in too! We will close the competition on 4th September 2023.

Here's a link to a site showing the birds in their full glory!

Birds A- Z | Bird Guides - The RSPB

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Morley