

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This year the school will be using a “Core Word of the Week” in the classroom. Core words are words that we use 80% of the time when we talk, and can be used across many activities. They include such words as “I”, “Go”, “You”, “Help”, “More” and “See”, just to name a few. Think about how often you use these words too. The purpose of introducing these words varies dependent upon the level of your child. For some children it is used to assist them with communicating and expressing their wants/needs, while others it helps with word finding, increasing vocabulary, and making simple sentences. These words are used for a variety of social language functions including directing actions of others (ex. Go), indicating cessation (ex. All done), indicating recurrence (ex. More, again), as well as expressing location (ex. In).

Each week the class will focus on one word. The word will be changed every 2 weeks. Additionally, your child’s teacher will send you a picture of the core word of the week in the classroom Bloomz app. Try to encourage use of the “Core Word of the Week” at home through play and stories.

if you have any questions please don’t hesitate to ask your speech therapist.