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Re: Travelling Ted Oral Language Project

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This term, we are launching an oral language project with the Ash Class whereby different child will have the opportunity to take home a teddy bear for a night. The teddy will accompany the child during their regular activities at home and on its return; the child will tell the rest of the class about teddy's time at home and answer any questions their classmates have.

The teddy will also be accompanied by a copybook in which each child is allocated **one** page to record highlights from teddy's time at home. For example, the children could write 'We went to the park'; 'We watched a film' and draw a picture to accompany their sentence. Please encourage your children to write their sentence themselves (as per their homework copies) - you may assist them with this by writing the sentence for them to copy as best they can. Children are encouraged to bring in mementos from their time with the teddy - we would also love you to forward any photos you may take of your child and the teddy to be included in the photo album on the class blog. Photos can be emailed to me on the email address below.

This project will underline the aims and objectives of the Oral Language strand of the English Curriculum, particularly to develop confidence in using language. Each child will have the opportunity to speak about their week with the teddy and answer questions from classmates, as well as the chance to record the experience in a copybook for the whole class to enjoy.

If you have any questions about this project, please don't hesitate to contact me on aoife@powerstownet.com or arrange to speak with me after school.

Kind regards,

Aoife McGonigle
Ash Class Teacher