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Dear Parents/carers,

I am writing to inform you about a new reward system that we will be trialing throughout the school over the summer term to promote TIGER Learning.

As you may be aware, TIGER Learning is Oxhey's unique system of highlighting appropriate learning behaviours in school, which enable children to take responsibility and ownership over their own learning. We aim to empower our pupils to understand that by adopting the learning behaviours of the TIGER characters they can impact positively on their own achievements. We believe the best and most appropriate way of enabling this is to reward pupils when they display TIGER Learning traits.

The TIGER characters and their learning behaviours are as follows:

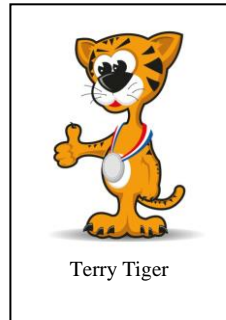
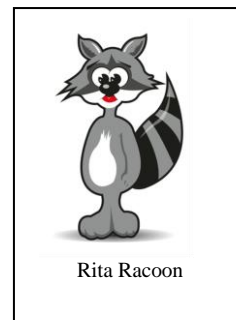
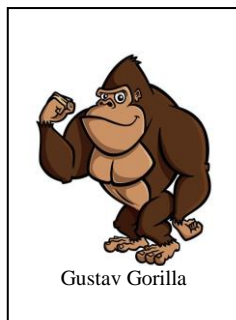
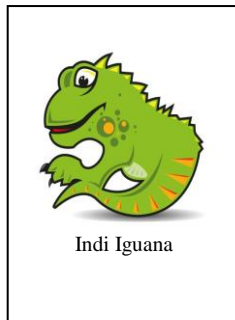
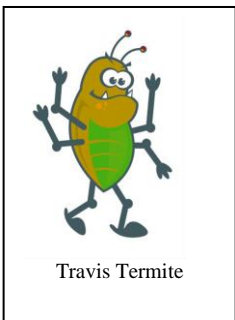
Termites – **T**ry hard

Iguanas – **I**gnore distractions

Gorillas – are **G**roup workers

Emus – are **E**nthusiastic

Racoons – **T**ake risks



The full TIGER Learning story, 'Terry Tiger's Tale – Learning How to Learn' can be found on our school website.

Under our new system, each time a child displays a pleasing TIGER Learning trait (for example they may have been particularly enthusiastic about a new activity like Enid Emu or ignored distractions like Indi Iguana) they will be rewarded with a 'Tiger Token' on a reward card. This can be redeemed against a treat of their choice in the 'Tiger Shop' which will run on a weekly basis each Friday break time. The shop will sell small pocket-money items scarves, bracelets and sweets etc. Only tokens will be accepted in the shop so your child can choose whether they accumulate them to buy a more expensive item or spend them more immediately on a lower-priced one! Your child will also receive a sticker to indicate they have earned a Tiger Token that day. Please continue the learning conversation at home when they receive such a sticker, asking your child what learning behavior they displayed to attain it.

The philosophy behind TIGER learning is rooted in 'Growth Mindset Theory', a concept that encourages learners to understand their brain as a muscle that can be trained to develop and grow. Learning from mistakes and developing resilience in our pupils are key to achieving this. The behaviours described by the TIGER characters, particularly those of Travis and Rita, trying hard and taking risks in learning, link significantly to growth mindset theory. For further reading on Growth Mindsets, including simple ways to help your child at home, please check out the suggested websites below, which can also be found on Oxhey's website in the Tiger Learning section.

<https://www.mindsetkit.org/growth-mindset-parents>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/help-your-child-try-new-things>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XLeUvZvuvAs>

We do hope the above reward system will motivate our pupils to consider their own learning behaviours more frequently in school and at home. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks

Mrs L. Holt

TIGER learner Co-ordinator

