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Dear Parents and Carers,

We believe that homework plays an important part in a child's education. We are also aware that children have lots of enjoyable opportunities and experiences outside of school that they take part in that are equally important in developing and enriching their lives. Due to this, we have carefully re-considered how our homework is allocated to ensure children have well-balanced opportunities to reach their full potential across the curriculum and out of school.

We feel homework needs to be focused on pupil knowledge and understanding of the fundamental skills such as, timetables, reading and comprehension, SPaG and basic arithmetic skills which will support them in their learning as these are the foundation needed in order to effectively access all other curriculum areas.

In our new homework schedule, children will be asked to complete Times Table rock stars (See Appendix 1) and spellings each week in addition the spellings can be accessed on 'Spellodrome' which is on the mathletics website. They need to read to an adult 3 times a week and also to complete a SPaG task/ mathletics which will be sent out on alternate weeks

However, we understand that our children are also individuals and have their own talents and interests. This is why children will still have the opportunity to complete a more creative task that engages them over the course of the half term.

The Homework Grid

- Every half term a homework menu will be sent out which includes details of expectation and amount of homework over the term.
- Each year group will issue weekly spellings that should be completed using a 'Look, Cover, Write and Check sheet' as well as practicing on Spelladrome. The spellings they need to practice after their test will be written in their planner so that you and your child can focus particularly on this.
- Pupils must practice their times tables on Times table Rockstars 3 times a week. This can be done at school if access to the internet is not available at home. However, it can also be accessed on tablets and phones.
- On alternate weeks children will be sent either a maths weekly skills homework sheet or a SPaG homework sheet to be completed and handed in.
- All pupils will have a homework folder to keep their homework neat and organised.
- Mathletics and SPaG homework will be marked when it is given in and returned to the child in the homework folder/book after an appropriate amount of time which gives the teacher adequate time for due consideration. And reading will be checked alongside the planner to check they have been reading to an adult.

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Parents/carers are encouraged to discuss any errors with their child. If they have any queries, they should make an appointment to see their child's class teacher. Feedback from parents about their child's homework is also welcomed by the school in their planner.

The amount of homework will increase as the child progresses through school – particularly leading up to Year Six SATs. Teachers may occasionally set extra homework for the whole class, or specific individuals if they feel it would be beneficial, or as may have been discussed with parents.

As part of our home-school agreement we ask for the following from you to help your child progress effectively at school:

- Become involved in supporting your child with homework and encourage them to have a positive attitude towards it.
- Support your child with completing homework to a high standard and on time.
- Provide suitable conditions and resources for your child to complete homework (a quiet room, a suitable writing surface, suitable materials to use.)
- Praise your child and celebrate achievements.
- Inform teachers of any issues that may arise and co-operate with the school to find a solution.
- As your child develops in age and ability, encourage independent study for more sustained periods – for example setting a timer to encourage focus for a specific length of time appropriate to the child, encouraging independent work first before helping/checking what they have done

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We ask that pupils:

- Take responsibility for their own learning and submit completed work in a timely manner, having a positive approach towards their work.
- Put the same effort into homework as would be expected of class work.
- Make sure they understand the tasks that have been set and seek clarification if required.
- Ensure that they have everything they need to complete homework and return to school all books/stationery needed to complete their homework.
- Take pride in the presentation and content of their homework and perform to a high personal standard.

Those children who do not complete the homework set will be asked to complete it at playtime.

Thank you for your cooperation and support. For any further information required, please review our homework policy on the school website.

Kind Regards,

Miss Joshua



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