



Monday 12th September 2016

Dear Parents

Having reflected on all the comments that were stated on the questionnaire, and the outcomes that the teachers aspire to, we will be following the format below for homework. This applies for Year 2 upwards.

Monday – homework will be set. Each year group will have an appropriate Maths and English piece weekly.

The English homework will be set by Mrs Morris for yr3-6, completed in their homework book.

The Maths homework will be set by Mr Anley for yr3-6, completed in their homework book.

The children are responsible for returning their completed homework by Friday. The homework will be linked either to current class topics or aimed at building on basic skills e.g. times tables.

KS2 topic/science will be set by Mr Anley when appropriate and this will usually be through the Big Pond.

All children have access to the Big Pond which allows access to many additional homework ideas and discussions. Every child also has access to Mathletics which they can work through as they wish at home as well as in school.

Year 2 children will follow the same format, English and Maths being sent home on a Monday, due in by Friday. This will initially be set by Miss Lindsay. Spellings will come home linked to keywords, Phase 6 phonics and the Year 2 curriculum – individual to each child.

There may be times when it is beneficial for the children to have completed a 'Big Talk' prior to their 'Big Writing'. Big Writing is a more sustained, unaided piece of writing that the children complete weekly. They look at their next steps from previous weeks and try to build this in by themselves, using the support they have had in lessons. The night before might see them bringing home a 'discussion slip' which is a 5minute oral homework, so that they have some ideas in mind prior to starting their writing.

Finally Year 1 will have keywords, reading and occasional pieces of work when appropriate. A letter explaining year 1's keywords will follow later this week.

There is a definite balance to meet the wide range of views that is held on homework. As a school we believe that time to 'play' is also vitally important, they work hard and concentrate for long periods within school and are tired by the end of the school day. Any further questions can be answered at the parent meeting, this Wednesday at 6pm.

Best Regards

Mr Anley, Mrs Morris, Miss Lindsay, Miss Pearson



Headteacher Miss Emma Lindsay

